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Artist-Photographer Explain Method To Students Of C. N. S.

Clara Sipprell is an outstanding exponent of the "purist" school of photography. The trend in recent years has been toward the miniature type of camera—miniature being defined as a camera taking a negative $\frac{1}{4}$ inches by $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches or smaller, the smallest and by far the most popular being the 35 mm. size. This postage stamp negative is placed in an enlarger and "blown up" to make any size print the operator may desire.

Miss Sipprell goes to the opposite extreme, using one of the largest plate cameras, an 8 x 10 view camera with soft focus lens. The soft focus lens is designed to avoid the needle sharp definition of detail so often considered necessary by many "modern" photographers. Miss Sipprell's negatives are never enlarged, retouched (artificial removal of facial blemishes or lines) or altered in any manner. This all means that the artistic effect is reached before the shutter is snapped, not after, as is the case in the miniature class of portraiture.

In the words of Miss Sipprell, "There is no easy road, no short-cut to artistry in photography. It requires years of patient effort, constant study, and experiment before you really begin to have the feeling of mastery over your media. I have been taking pictures for almost five years as an amateur, before I had a glimmer of realization that I might have latent artistic ability."

The only "must," says Miss Sipprell in regard to equipment for a beginner in photography is this—"get a camera with a ground-glass back and focusing lens."

COLLEGE STORE OPENS

The Senior Class announces the reopening of the "College Store," an enterprise instituted three years ago for the purpose of supplying the students of Castleton Normal School with their school supplies. The store is conveniently located for both faculty and students. Merchandise is of excellent quality and popularly priced.

Orders for supplies which are not in stock may be submitted and every effort will be made to fill them promptly.

The seniors invite the faculty and students to cooperate in helping to make this small store expand into a larger business which in turn will be of benefit to all.

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SENIORS SPONSOR FIRST SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON

A gala event is assured all who attend the Senior Dance to be held in the school auditorium the evening of October 22. Ethel Toth guarantees peppy music; Stella Tosi pledges colorful decorations; Dorothy Orr is planning unusual refreshments; Elizabeth McLaughlin will contribute artistic programs; Paul Hatch promises to fill the auditorium with alumni, while George Young is certain that the guests will receive their invitations promptly. Earl Houston, the business manager, will see that a square deal in making change is given to all, and Margaret Paige, the class president, is general chairman and Grand High Mogul.

The theme of the dance and the details of interesting features to be incorporated are being kept a profound secret.

Alumni and many former students of the school will return to greet their friends on this occasion.

OUR ADVERTISERS

One good turn deserves another. The firms that favor the Birdseye with their advertisements are worthy of our appreciation and patronage. Look at our ads. and support our friends.

State Educators Convene Thursday At Queen City

Principals, teachers and students three thousand strong will meet in Burlington, October 13, 14 and 15th for the eighty-ninth annual convention.

William F. Russell Dean of Teachers College, Columbia University, Cornelia Stratton Parker, author and traveller, Gladys Hasty Carroll, author and lecturer and Maxine Stellman, soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company are the highlights on the program.

Dean Russell is a recognized writer as well as an outstanding school administrator. He has the following books to his credit, "The Early Teaching of History in Secondary Education," "Education in the United States," "Education in a Democracy." (in Russian) "The Financing of Education in Iowa," "Contribution to Christian Education in China" and "Schools in Bulgaria."

Maxine Stellman was born in Brattleboro and is one of the youngest sopranos to obtain stardom with the Metropolitan Opera Company. She will be soloist with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Alan Carter, musical director and conductor.

Other interesting features of the convention includes a concert by the "Welsh Imperial Singers," an exhibition of books and school supplies by the leading publishers of the country and a display of Vermont Handicrafts in which the Castleton Normal School will have a prominent place.

Local speakers include: Francis L. Bailey, Commissioner of Education, Lewis F. Dow, Mayor of Burlington and Homer E. Hunt, President of the association.

College reunions, organization dinners and small group teas provide social occasions for those attending.

Castleton Normal School will be fully represented by faculty and upperclassmen.

C.N.S. PLANS ANNUAL HOME COMING DAY

Castleton Normal School will welcome the 1938 graduates at her annual Home Coming Day. This event will take place November Fifth.

The graduates will observe classes and attend conferences during the day. A special luncheon will be served to the alumni at noon. They will be entertained by the students and faculty in the afternoon at a tea.

WELCOME TO MISS HOLMES

Petite in size, dainty in dress, confident in manner, clear in her thinking and interesting in her presentation of material to classes—and you have a picture of our newest faculty member, Miss Holmes.

Emma Holmes comes from Michigan. She was born in Clare, graduated from Lansing High School and Michigan State College, and taught junior and senior high school in Alma. After receiving her master's degree from the University of Missouri, she was research assistant in home economics at the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Vermont.

Among her hobbies are reading and hiking.

We all hope that Miss Holmes will enjoy her year with us at Castleton.

SARAH CLEGHORN URGES STUDENTS TO WRITE

Sarah Cleghorn urges students to write saying, "Do write ballads; do have your children write ballads. You will have the time of your life writing them!" Miss Cleghorn, a Vermont author, teacher, lecturer, and active participant in peace movements, entertained the students of Castleton Normal School in Leavenworth Hall,

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1492-1938

Near the close of the fifteenth century a certain penniless Genoese waited impatiently while the Gods of War amused themselves in Southern Spain. This man had a dream, a plan to push forward the borders of civilization; to bring to mankind untold wealth and comforts. Finally, Granada fell, the war ended, he received money for his expedition and sailed. Today the world pays homage to Christopher Columbus, visionary, peerless leader, peacetime hero.

Time moves on, centuries roll by and 1938 flashes up on the eternal scoreboard. Once again, The Four Horsemen of Death, are booted and spurred, ready for another mad dash over the world of men. But the world has advanced, grown more civilized, more human since the days of the Italian Navigator. As never before men realize the hopeless futility of war. Never has there been such a united stand for peace, at any price. Never have our leaders made such concessions to one another that we may have at least a semblance of the brotherhood of men.

Today civilization stands in need of another Columbus. A man who can dream and yet fulfill his dream. A captain with the strength to quell a mutinous crew. Can mankind provide such a leader? It can and it will. Five hundred years from now history will record the success of some modern Columbus.

A WORD TO FRESHMEN

Freshmen, we welcome you to our school. Join us not only scholastically, but socially. We can enjoy many activities together, some of which will surely meet your interests. Castleton appreciates the old adage, "All work and no play—"

We most sincerely hope that you already feel you are a definite part of our school, no longer imitators but contributors. You bring a youthful spirit, a fresh viewpoint, new ideas, an abundant energy which will add vigor and enthusiasm to our ideals and efforts.

Freshmen, do not lose sight of your responsibilities. Our school of tomorrow will reflect what we are and make it today.

A GOOD SIGN

Vermonters are no longer letting their remoteness from urban centers stifle their chance for cultural gains, for alert men and women are taking hold of the reins and organizing worthwhile events for cultural benefits. The present drive for the Community Concerts is an indication that artists are wanted and valuable to our daily life.

The educational institutions are arranging many evening entertainments for the prime purpose of bringing before their students reputable artists, who are bound to stimulate keener appreciation toward the arts.

Another aspect to take into consideration is the importance of stimulating youth to differentiate between good music and bad music. If they do not have familiarity with the best then they lose the ability to make the necessary distinction.

This contact will make for richer and fuller living and a more sympathetic viewpoint toward cultural endeavors in this state.

AMERICANA
MOTIF I

With thumb indented chin
And cheekbone propped on finger
Naively, vaguely listening,
A study of intelligence—
Private profit—vigorous forces—
Political pressure—no one Answer—
Threats immediate and complete—
And she in her colossal oneness thinks,
"Shall I wear my polka dotted
Or black with a rhinestone clip?"

—M. L. P.

MADAME CURIE

by Eve Curie

This book deserves all the praise which it has received. It fascinates one—reads more like a novel than a biography. It gives a very intimate picture of a great person who refused to consider herself great.

Madame Curie was Polish by birth. Self sacrifice and hard work in uncongenial surroundings were her early companions. When the opportunity to study in Paris came, she lived a Spartan life often going without food. After her marriage to Pierre Curie her physical life was no easier.

When they had succeeded in isolating the element of radium and their success was being recognized, Pierre Curie was killed in the street. Madame Curie kept on with her work. She became even more immersed in it, sparing little time even for her daughters.

France was slow in recognizing her work. From other countries she received all scientific honors possible. The United States paid her the tribute of giving her two grams of radium, one of which she reserved for her own use.

She was so interested in the use of radium that in the World War she fitted out many cars and hospitals with x-ray and radium equipment. Finally her life-long dream of a laboratory came true and her experiments were housed in a building of their own. When she died in 1934, the world lost one of the greatest scientists it has ever known.

Eve Curie has done a magnificent piece of work in bringing to the world an intimate and accurate picture of so great a person. She has also paid a very high tribute to her mother in doing so.

—E. Burt.

Eternal educational is the price of being educated.

John H. Finley.

Probably the oldest free school in continuous operation in this country, a school said to have been built by George Washington in 1785, is still in use by the public school system of Alexandria, Virginia.

INTERESTING
FRESHMEN

This year C. N. S. welcomes many old friends and new. The 1938 Freshman class, larger than any other class for seven years, enrolls seventy-three students, among whom are many interesting personalities. Among the group are:

Eleanor Tift, of Dorset, Vermont, lives in the Foyer. Her hobby is pressing flowers of all sorts. When she is finished, her collection will include every flower on the earth, she hopes!! She has belonged to the Four-H Club, the Girl Scouts, and is looking forward to being a good rural school-teacher.

Hilda Green, from Brandon, Vermont, writes essays, poems, and short stories. She enjoys singing, dancing, playing popular music; her hobby is writing and she has the secret ambition of writing a novel. Recently she won the first prize of \$100.00 in the Edmund State Essay contest, was delegate to the Young People's Conference for five years, and was the Valedictorian of her class at Brandon High School.

John Houser, from Rutland, has met many notable persons, famous all over the world. Several of these are President Roosevelt, Jim Farley, Frances Perkins, Governor Lehman and Bruce Barton. Mr. Houser is an engineer of W.S.Y.B. in Rutland, and his hobby is concerned with scientific studies.

Phyllis Amidon was born in Greenfield, Massachusetts, moved to Westminster, Vermont, and graduated from Bellows Falls. She has belonged to the Four-H Club, the Christian Endeavor, and the Red Cross Club. She has been a substitute Sunday School teacher and has taught kindergarten in church for one year. Her hobby is collecting stones, and she enjoys hiking, basketball, and cooking. Phyllis hopes to teach in a foreign country.

Glen Maynard, a new freshman from Fair Haven, is very much interested in photography and sports. Last year he was a physical education tutor at his high school and this summer he was a counselor at the Fair Haven Community Camp. His ambition is to be a coach. More power to you, Glen!

SARAH CLEGHORN URGES
STUDENTS TO WRITE

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October 5. Her program included two ballads "Glorious Harriet Tubman" and "The Camden Boy;" two of her "sunbonnet" poems; a strange love poem entitled "St. Claire Hears St. Francis;" and a poem "Vermont" which describes the four seasons in this state.

Miss Cleghorn's works include "A Turnpike Lady," "The Spinster," her autobiography, "Three Score," and "Fellow-Captains" in which she collaborated with Dorothy Canfield Fisher.

STUDENT POLL TAKEN ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN QUESTION?

Chris Woods—

"One thing more than anything else has been brought to my attention during this crisis. It is the universal desire for peace at any cost shown by all of the strongest democratic nations in Europe. This desire is fed by knowledge that civilization today cannot withstand the shock of another war. War has never satisfactorily settled a thing."

My Dwyer—

"I think that if they fight and Hitler gets what he wants, it will just encourage him in thinking he can get what he's after and soon he will want the whole world under his control."

Chris Lanthier—

"Will it make a great difference in status of the common people in Czechoslovakia whether they are led by Hitler or Benes? Certainly the ideal of democracy is important, but it is so important to the mothers of Czechoslovakia, France, and England that they are willing to sacrifice their lives for it? Maybe they are—I wouldn't be!"

Artha Stepanian—

"I haven't been particularly disturbed. I felt that through conferences the whole affair might be agreeably settled without conflict. Perhaps we have too much regard and confidence in the leaders of the nations involved, believing they are supreme diplomats and know what they are up to."

Don Houser—

"I feel the crisis is over and a moment satisfactory to all will be summated within the next two weeks. It also would seem the Sino-Japanese question and the Spanish Government and Rebel situation will be terminated peacefully."

John Flanders—

"That the leaders of the world are looking for our young men to be cannon fodder is past accepting. The fact that no battle will be fought on land is an illusion, for in this day and age we are so closely bound together that what one nation does affects all. Disappointment is the strongest reaction I feel. A sense of sure brought out by the fact that peoples of the world cannot live peacefully together according to the Golden Rule. The Cross of Christ no longer leads the way."

Anna Heleba—

"Although Great Britain, France, and Russia have settled the hysteria in Europe for the present, they have paved an unobstructed path for Hitler's disintegration plans. As long as the clouded atmosphere lulls, a powerful dictator will again rock the world with more territorial demands to quench his hunger for land. He knows that the great powers

SENIORS OUT TEACHING

During the next five weeks the Senior Class will be in the field doing practice teaching. The Seniors, for the first time, are to do their entire teaching at one period. This is considered a forward step in our educational program.

The schedule is as follows:—

Margaret Paige, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Earl Houston, and George Young, Meldon School, Rutland.

Dorothy Orr, East Poultney, with Miss McGrath.

Stella Tosi, Rutland, Dana, with Miss McCavet.

Paul Hatch, Clarendon Flats, with Miss Noyes.

Ethel Toth, Castleton, North Breton, with Miss Hayes.

G.M.J.C. ANNOUNCES EVENING PROGRAM

Green Mountain Junior College announces the following lecture-entertainment series to be presented during the school year:

Thursday, October 13, Hilda Burke, Soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Friday, November 4, Siberian Singers.

Thursday, December 1, Lecture, Eugene Lyons, author, journalist.

Friday, January 20, Lecture, Dr. Raymond Ditmars, Curator New York Zoological Park.

Thursday, February 16, Iso Briselli, Violinist.

Wednesday, March 8, Eugene List, Pianist.

Thursday, April 13, Wesleyan University Glee Club.

A large number of both students and faculty of Castleton Normal School expect to attend these performances.

would rather throw the 'lion' his 'meat' than to fight for justice."

Albert Dauphin—

"Just as the League of Nations and the World Court have been making great forward steps in the direction of peace, so is the settlement of the Czech situation by arbitration. The time must come when war's use in settling disputes between nations is as obsolete as dueling now is between individuals. We therefore hail with joy this step taken in behalf of peace."

Al Henebry—

"Because it does not concern me so nearly I am inclined to be more critical. Perhaps it is only the postponement of an increasingly formidable conflict. I have no faith in Hitler's promises! I trust that England and France know what they are doing—after all, it is their immediate problem. For the Czechs I feel a deep sympathy, as indeed most of the world does, but I cannot deny that I am thankful for the heaven knows how lasting and how dearly secured peace."

INTERNATIONAL CLUB ACTIVE HERE

The International Club anticipates a very active program this coming year. Plans for panel discussion, foreign exchange, students from nearby colleges and a "miniature" peace conference are underway. Mr. Jones, Mr. Dauphin, and Mr. Henebry, aided and abetted by Miss Prunier will present the first organized entertainment for the club.

Sophomore and Junior classes have shown excellent membership response. Freshmen are decidedly in the minority, being represented by a lone member at the first meeting.

FRESHMEN GO OBSERVING

September 29, the Freshman I Education class traveled to the Castleton Corners Demonstration School for an observation. The excursion was conducted by Miss Black who instructed the students to work in groups of eight. Each student had an official rating sheet for Vermont rural schools by which he rated the Castleton Corners School. Students inspected the school room, examined the playground equipment and wrote their comments which were discussed in class later.

IS WRITING POETRY A GIFT OF THE GODS?

Is the ability to write poems a gift from the gods, or is this ability the reward of long and patient effort? Are poets born or made? May the craft be learned?

What do poets say of their own methods?

Sarah Teasdale, a singer of lyric verse, spent a long time in meditation before she set her thoughts on paper. However, when once expressed in words, the original wording is never changed.

The splendid poem "Cargoes" by John Masefield was written in a few minutes one Saturday morning. However, John Masefield was already a master of the art and had spent his apprenticeship in long hours of labor.

Vachel Lindsay writes in the first flush of inspiration. Then comes the task of revising the original again and again. He has been known to rewrite some of his long poems as many as thirty or forty times.

Carl Sandburg, who is known as a master of concise, human speech, writes slowly and revises with the greatest of care.

Robert Frost belongs to the class of poets which writes rapidly and makes very few alterations. He throws away many poems and never presents a poem to the world unless it is thoroughly worthy.

The methods which poets use should explain that the ability for writing poetry must be cultivated, nourished, and laboured with until it reaches ripe maturity.

MAGAZINES MISSING?

If you have found all the latest magazines missing from the rack, page the Juniors and Seniors. They are frantically searching for significant articles on what is going on in the world today. Here is proof of the pudding.

"What Would Germany Fight With?"

This article discusses the amount of iron, oil, cotton, rubber, non-ferrous metals, and food that Germany is capable of producing and the great gap between it and self sufficiency.

—Harper's, September, 1938.

"Director of Bear Mountain Museum", by William H. Carr.

The beaver before his near extinction was man's greatest conservation agent. He built dams which stored rainfall and prevented floods and erosion. Today the Department of Interior is using it to reclaim lands.

—Natural History, 1938.

"Japan and China's Second Year," by Nathaniel Pepper.

Nothing seems to be definitely gained while both countries are becoming decidedly exhausted after two years of strenuous fighting.

Japan is ruining her own country financially, socially and morally as well as that of China.

Peace depends upon Chinese success or decisions of countries having interests in China.

Harper's, September, 1938.

"America's Medieval Women," by Pearl S. Buck.

"American women are worse off than the Chinese."

American women are given the same educational rights as men but are barred from reaching the same importance by the persistent tradition that women are inferior to men. "At least, Chinese women do not expect any more than they get," says Pearl Buck.

—Harper's, August 1938.

"In an American Factory," by Stoyan Pribichevich.

"In an American Factory" records the experiences and thoughts of a Yugoslav lawyer who worked as an ordinary laborer in a machine shop for a year. The process through which he went gave him an insight into the human side of American labor.

—Harper's, September, 1938.

SUPERINTENDENTS URGE TEACHERS TO STUDY

Superintendents Fairchild and Taplin are encouraging their teachers to add to their college credits by taking courses at Castleton Normal School on Wednesdays and Saturdays. This is made possible by providing substitute teachers.

Those working under this plan are: Miss Elizabeth Carmody, Meldon School; Mrs. Gladys Nourse, Kingsley School; Miss Eva Barrows, Park Street School; and Miss Margaret O'Brien of Fair Haven Graded School.

THE BIRDSEYE SPORTS

BREVITIES

Thanks to Dr. Woodruff, it has been our privilege to hear a recording of the speeches of President and Mrs. Roosevelt given at the final National Education Association meeting in New York City last June.

The Community Concerts in Rutland were brought to our attention in a recent chapel program by Mr. Lasette. One of the artists being considered is a rising young Viennese baritone, Igor Gorin. Mr. Lasette delighted us with a recording of Mr. Gorin.

The Czech situation was ably discussed by Rudolph Morse and Albert Dauphin at chapel on October 1. The Sophomore class presented these speakers who were introduced by the class president, Marjorie Park.

Ethel Beattie was called home by the death of her mother, and the sympathy of the entire school is extended to her and her family.

Miss Black and Miss Morrill spent a recent week-end in Montreal.

Betsey Sedergrén and Yvonne Lang have been temporarily "put out of the running," the former with a bruised foot and the latter with a sprained knee. Since Betsey is Yvonne's "little sister," they apparently keep accidents in the family!

Miss Ewald and Miss Holmes climbed Mt. Mansfield two weeks ago.

Mary Wiggins, president of the Student Cooperative Association, is ill at her home in Rutland.

Miss Woodruff recently spent a few days in Washington, D. C., and then attended the New England Conference in Crawford, N. H.

The latest addition to the Castleton Normal School family is Lady, who has taken up her residence in the Leavenworth Barn.

The Freshmen, in art class, have been getting rid of their inhibitions by creating some amazing affairs from cardboard, paper, and glue. The Sophomores are indulging in a bit of handwork carrying out Vermont motifs.

The school corridors and the music room are resounding with the sounds of "step, run, run, step," the result of an earnest desire fostered in our music classes to conquer "old man rhythm"!

The classes of 1938 recently returned to Castleton in a body—via the screen. Recent chapel periods have been devoted to showing scenes from last year's Baccalaureate and Commencement programs. Yes, we are all in favor of more film histories of C.N.S.

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A STUDENT FOR EVERY SPORT

The sports program for the year has an active outlook. Managers are being appointed for the sports: archery, tennis, hockey, soft-ball, skiing, skating, sliding, tobogganing, hiking, basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, and deck tennis. The entire school is represented in the pastimes planned for this program of activity.

A system of points is being worked out so that we can all secure letters, pins, or some other evidence of our athletic prowess. Everyone and anyone should engage in some favorite sport to rest the book-weary mind and chair-cramped body. It will be a healthier and more refreshed pair of lungs under the sweater that has an honorary "C" pinned on it. It is possible for everyone to have a letter for his fun in sports.

Would the students enjoy a special "Mountain Day"? A day set aside for mountain climbing once a week, or once or twice a month appeals to some, doesn't it? Let's have a "Mountain Day" for scaling that forbidding (?) Birdseye Mountain and let's take our lunch. Isn't that an interesting way to help secure a letter?

Do you know that the idea of bicycling has entered the heads of many of our campus girls? It isn't impossible, either, for all of you to go bicycling because the sports supplies will soon have some of these two-wheeled "bone-shakers" in its warehouse. Are you interested yet in a letter? Or is it bicycling?

Have you heard of that Breakfast Club organized for ambitious early-risers? Those members awaken before the sunrise and have their breakfast on some hillside while they watch the sun come up.

Many students are in a quandry as to whether they belong to the Athletic Association or not. You belong if some phase of sports or fun attracts you. A participant in at least two sports is a member and a voter of the Athletic Association. This should include everyone. To show that a one hundred per cent enrollment is possible, let's all adopt this for our slogan: "A sport for every student; a student for every sport."

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BITS-OF-SPORTS

Men's athletics at this time are confined to touch football and ping pong. The Frosh have uncovered several flashy gridsters, and are pressing the upper-classmen for superiority on the gridiron. The Frosh stars include "Gas" Tosi, a fast and shifty back; Al Royce and Francis Moriarty, catchers of touchdown heaves; and Captain George Weaver, a potential all-American threat, as roving center. The upper-classmen are still relying on the famous passing duo of Nichols to Prunier.

On the ping pong tables a tournament is already in progress. Jack Houser, Don Grace, "Soup" Maynard, and Bud Fish all seem determined to dethrone Gibby, last year's champion. "Spike" Prunier, Al Dauphin, and Bill Jones from last year are still stiff competition for any one!

Manager Earl Houston is now forming the men's basketball schedule. Games are planned with Green Mountain, and Gorham, Plymouth, and Keene Normals. The team is planning to come out in dazzling new jackets and warm-up togs. The boys will be flashy in appearance if not in their play.

College football is now reigning supreme over the bowls and stadia of the land. This columnist peeps. Dartmouth and Pittsburgh in the east, Alabama in the south, Minnesota in the big ten conference, Rice and Texas Christian in the southwest, and Stanford on the Pacific Coast to lead the nation's football parade. Am I right? Or else!!

Now for our monthly advice. Casual observations show our tennis courts are not coming in for their usual amount of use. Is tennis interest declining at C.N.S.? Why are we not having our annual mixed doubles tournament? Such a tournament would be good for Castleton both athletically and socially. Let's have one soon.

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ALUMNI

1915—Christine Boyd of Greenfield, Massachusetts enjoyed an extensive trip abroad this summer.

1917—Frances and Nina High spent the summer in Castleton with their sister, Mrs. Sel Durkee.

1926—Athleen Parks studied at the summer session of the University of Vermont.

1931—Margaret Tynan of Arlington will receive her Bachelor's degree this year from the University of Vermont.

1935—Mrs. Edward Cole (Mrs. Knapp) and infant daughter from Beacon, New York, are spending the month of September with her parents in Rutland.

Anna Mae Pye has changed from the West Arlington School to the fifth and sixth grades room in Arlington.

John Larkin, third year, Class of 1934 and Charlie Laramie, third year, Class of 1935 are enrolled at Boston University as candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education.

1936—Mary O'Neil is teaching in the Rutland Schools.

David Offensend has the position of teaching the seventh grade in Rochester.

1937—Gladys Trombly and Margaret Flynn are now teaching in schools in Rutland.

Robert Lorette is in Middlebury as teacher of the seventh grade.

1938—Roger Blood is teaching in Plainfield where he is helping to carry on the Little Theatre Movement.

Iona Woods has taken the position of teaching the Cheney Hill School in Rutland.

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Nicholas Vacileff And Siberian Singers Delight Audience

The Siberian Singers charmed an audience of Castleton Normal School students and their guests on Thursday, Nov. 3.

Under the direction of Nicholas Vacileff they interpreted all phases of Russian life, including songs expressive of worship, toil and play. The effect was accentuated by the original cathedral robes and authentic, colorful native costumes.

Their fine tonal quality and perfect control were admirable. Mr. Vacileff's quite method of conducting added to the charm of the harmony.

Solos by the conductor and by a tenor, a baritone and a basso filled the listeners with delight at the power and range of the individual voices.

Isiah Seligman, a finished pianist, hypnotized his audience with selections from Debussy and Chopin. The listeners quickened in admiration as he played the familiar Brahms lullaby.

The prolonged applause from the filled auditorium expressed thanks and approval to the nine singers and the pianist for the genuine enjoyment they had given.

Faculty Carnival Reflects Hallowe'en Spirits

The gates of the Arnold Fair grounds were open promptly at eight o'clock on the evening of October 9th.

The personnel of the carnival packed into the gaily bedecked quarters. The balloon vender (Dr. Woodruff) led. Following came the strongman (Miss Morrill), the tattooed lady (Miss Ewald), the bearded lady (Miss Black), the gypsy fortune teller (Miss Keeles), the vagueros (Misses Kelly and Holmes with their prancing steeds, borrowed from the Grady wins), the Siamese twins (Mrs. Leech and Mrs. Fox), and the carnival barker (Mr. Fox).

They were greeted by the hosts, the wild woman and the lion-tamer. Each participant was given a bag of money to be squandered on the merry-go-round, horse racing, Ferris wheel, and guessing the number of beans in a teapot.

Among the most popular features of the carnival were the food concessions. The "fry your own" hamburger stand was widely patronized. Hot dog and pop corn booths vied in popularity with the ice-cream cone bar.

DELEGATES CHOSEN FOR N.E. CONFERENCE

With Boston Teachers College as host, the annual New England Student Conference will be held at the Bradford Hotel in Boston, Friday and Saturday, November 18 and 19. This will be its third meeting.

Conferences of the informal type will give student representatives from New England teacher training courses an opportunity to participate in group discussions on problems relevant to all.

Topics which will be discussed are: "What the Student Hopes to Achieve in Her Personal and Cultural Development in Teachers College," "The Student's Opportunities and Responsibilities in Improving Placement Services," "Special Problems of the Commuting Student," and "Plans and Procedures in Improving Faculty Student Relationships."

Delegates from Castleton Normal School representing the three upper classes of the student body are:

Margaret Paige, Senior; William Jones, Junior; Rudolph Morse, Sophomore; Elizabeth McLaughlin, Senior.

Accompanying faculty members are Professor Fox and Miss Markham.

Frederic Van De Water Addresses Audience At Castleton

Frederic Van de Water, author of "A Home in the Country," spoke humorously on "The Yankee of Literature" to a large audience in the Castleton Normal School auditorium October 25.

Mr. Van de Water contended that the literature about the Yankee is delusive and fraudulent. He expressed the belief that there is more genuine freedom and democracy in New England than most people give the New Englander credit for. In glowing terms, he forecast a bright future for Vermont when he hinted at the fact that the Vermonters had something that was saner than the rest of the world.

The puritanical portrait that others have conceived about New England is that its people are stingy, curious, hypocritical, narrow, and mirthless. These beliefs, in his opinion are unjustified for the Yankee is very hospitable; he is interested in others' affairs, but he does not give advice unless he is asked for it; certainly he is not stingy as can be seen by the spirit shown after the '27 flood; still he cannot be fooled by a visionary fourth dimension, as was shown when

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C.N.S. HOLDS ANNUAL HOME COMING DAY

Home Coming Day, an event anticipated with much pleasure by both the home-comers and the students, proved to be very successful.

A well arranged chapel program was given by the school orchestra and the women's glee club under the direction of Miss Markham. Dr. Woodruff welcomed back all the graduates and everyone joined in singing "Alma Mater." An interesting part of the program was the showing of the 1938 Baccalaureate and Commencement through moving pictures.

"Teach the child, not the subject" was the point stressed by the principal speaker, Superintendent John W. Urquhart of Pittsford.

Miss Edith Ewald, Physical Instructor at the Normal School, substituted for Mrs. Alice Aldrich, State Supervisor of Physical Education. She gave an interesting talk to the group.

Luncheon tables were arranged for the third and fourth year graduates of 1938, and the present fourth year class. Smaller tables seated the second year graduates of 1938 and the present third year students. Margaret Paige and Doris Lanthier acted as hostesses at the luncheon.

At the afternoon conference Miss Allingham, State Helping Teacher, discussed the problems of a beginning teacher and how to solve some of them.

The climax of the day was a tea served to the guests in the lobby of Leavenworth Hall. This was sponsored by the seniors and juniors and Ruth Peterson served as chairman of the committee for this tea.

Among those who attended were: Martha Langdon and Winifred Taylor, fourth year; Virginia Handy, Iona Woods, Dorothy Coburn, Adriel Sheldon, Margaret Jamieson, Eroe Durose, Glen Houston, and Sandrino Beretta, graduates of the third year course; Beulah Lewis, Mary Jane Ketcham, Miriam Kilbourn, Ruth Gallant, Norma Shepard, Viola Fitzgerald, and Katherine Horan of the two year course.

MISS HOLMES ENTERTAINS AT TEA

The residents of Phillip's House were guests of Miss Holmes at tea in the Home Economics dining room November fourth. Helen Knutson was general manager of the group of girls who prepared and served refreshments. Marjorie Park and Mary Zelazny were the cooks, and Barbara Slack and Mary Williamson served.

Erika Mann To Tell Of Nazi Influence On German Youth

Erika Mann, outstanding example of former German culture, and daughter of Thomas Mann, comes to Castleton November 16, as the second speaker in the Normal School entertainment course.

Miss Mann is recognized as a writer, actress, and director of plays.



ERIKA MANN

As one of Max Reinhardt's star pupils, she played in Berlin, Munich, and Hamburg. "Peppermill," the satirical revue which Erika Mann wrote, directed, and played in, was performed more than a thousand times in six countries.

"Hate Thy Neighbor" is the telling story of children under the Hitler regime. Miss Mann's earlier writings consisted of children's novels and travel books. Klaus Mann, brother of Erika, is now collaborating with her on a non-fiction volume, "Escape to Life."

The Mann family suddenly and voluntarily left Germany five years ago when Adolph Hitler assumed power. The only one to return was Miss Mann who sneaked back into the Mann home in peasant disguise, to rescue the manuscript of "Joseph and His Brethren."

Those who have heard Erika Mann lecture, speak for her sincerity and gracious manner and the significance of what she has to say on the ultimate outcome of the world's struggle.

TO MEXICO VIA SENIOR DANCE

Against a background of burros heavily loaded with wood driven by their drivers, women dressed in multi-colored native costumes carrying their brilliantly decorated pottery, cocks fighting, strings of peppers, tamales and frijoles and to the swing of Ianni's popular orchestra, forty-five couples made merry at the first dance of the season, sponsored by the Senior Class.

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NOVEMBER 8TH—ELECTION DAY

Once more the people of our country have a chance as individuals to take part in the government.

Since 1791 the male citizens of Vermont have had the legal right to register their choice of the men who will carry on the affairs of the state. Women have had the same privilege since 1920. Statistics show that qualified voters do not take sufficient interest in our co-operative government.

Yet very often it is these people, who over the telephone, at club meetings or at the breakfast table, get very much stirred up because "the country is going to the dogs." Why not do something besides talk about this situation?

Far too many times the people do but follow their parents' footsteps, voting for a party regardless of the best man for the office. Many, thinking for their own good rather than the good of the group, are tempted to vote for the selfish political gain and personal profit.

And still many times people get to the polls and find that there isn't even one strong candidate for office. What could have been done? Before election day interested citizens could have induced capable townsmen to serve their community by participating in politics.

Is there anything that we, students of Castleton Normal School, can do to alter these circumstances? How many of us would vote if we could? When one class was asked this question, approximately 50 per cent showed a desire to exercise their rights.

Let us set a good example by voting intelligently in our clubs, student polls and class examinations.

Suffrage is a privilege taken advantage of by intelligent citizens.

Victor Hugo said, "Bad men are elected by good men staying at home." The good citizens never fail to vote.

UTOPIA UNDISCOVERED

Persecuted, hated, even despised, there wanders through history a race of people seeking equality and understanding. The Dead Sea knew the campfires of these lonely shepherds; the Pharaohs of Egypt enslaved them; their blood splashed the Colosseum of Rome; Europe turned deaf ears to their moans during the Dark Ages. Today their descendants flee from country to country trying to escape a slavery more complete than Egypt's, a death swifter and more certain than Rome's.

Throughout this saga of suffering, the Jewish people have made and are making enormous contributions to the culture of the world. Germany had her Mann, her Freud, her Einstein but she exchanged them for a Goering, a Goebbels, a Hitler plus a mad dream of an Aryan race. This nation in its blindness not only excludes the man but also his contribution. Governments which welcome these refugees thus doubly gain.

Since the dawn of man's existence, thinking men have been dreaming of that Utopia where humanity pays dividends, where the human budget is finally balanced, where human beings regardless of creed, color or race stand shoulder to shoulder and fight for the common good. These truths are eternal. They were true yesterday, they are true today, they will be true tomorrow. No matter how much we boast of our modern education and its effects on civilization it has not yet torn down the age-old curse of intolerance. This we must leave until the day men realize their individual insignificance, their mutual dependence, their obligations, not as members of this or that nationality, but as citizens of the world.

THE STORM

Rain, pouring in torrents from a sulphur sky,
Sharp, blinding lightning
And the crash and bang and roll
Of thunder echoing from the rock bound hills.

Trees tortured,
Moaning,
Bending torn and broken
From their mighty grasp on earth and life—
Small creatures flee—there is no refuge.

—L. W.

A PRAYER FOR A SENSE OF HUMOR

God of Laughter, give me power to see
The humor when a cup of tea
It spilled completely over me.

My sense of fun help me recall
When down a flight of stairs I fall
Or hear a hint I'm over-tall.

To keep my temper when I try
To help others and they sigh
That I am just like any guy.

—H. Green.

AMPHITRYON 38

The Greeks had a word for it—the Lunts prove it in the comedy, *Amphitryon 38*. Their jousting with the love life of the gods furnishes sufficient wit and clever naughtiness to bring roars of laughter from audience and critics alike.

Alfred Lunt, as Jupiter, bewails the fact that his life as a god is not an exciting one and wishes that he might come to earth and experience love as mortals do. With Mercury's aid he leaves his cloud and descends to earth. He falls in love with Alkmene, beautiful wife of Amphitryon, greatest of the Greek warriors. He thinks it futile to approach Alkmene as ardent lover because of her faithfulness as a wife.

Again he seeks Mercury's aid and together they cause a sudden war which necessitates all Greeks taking up arms. This takes Amphitryon away and Jupiter transforms himself into Amphitryon and goes to Alkmene pretending that the war is over. All goes well with his plan until the real Amphitryon returns to his home and the eternal triangle again raises havoc which can be compared even to the gorilla warfare to-day. Reluctantly Jupiter takes leave of the household to again take his place in the heavens.

The stage settings were conceived and executed by Lee Simonson in strictly Greek fashion adhering rigidly to the simple line in form and beauty. S. Berman produced the play. With this combination, it is no wonder that the comedy has been so widely acclaimed.

ENGLAND NEXT YEAR

It would be folly for me to say if you ever have the fever of wanderlust. How often have you felt the keen desire to take to the open road and visit the many scenes of your own and distant countries.

Perhaps we are all looking forward to a more affluent day to satisfy that most unquenchable longing, realizing that it is highly possible now. If you are in the same circumstances that I find myself in, and I rather suspect you are—you are not at the moment in control of your ready wealth. And what is more, you are not looking forward to a phenomenal increase. With all this in mind I repeat, be you man or woman, that you can still see a usually large part of this earth as you care to. No doubt you are interested now and would like to know just how all this is possible.

A few years ago the Youth Hostels was quietly introduced into America by Isabel and Monroe Smith. Well, traveling in Europe they were deeply impressed by a wide-spread youth movement that was sweeping across the continent. Saddened and dismayed by the enduring and recurring postwar hatreds, leaders of youth—not the Hitlers and Mussolinis—decided to constructively promote better understanding between world youth.

Thus was born the Youth Hostels. The three sustaining pillars are peace, comradeship, and health. To be a hostel you must be willing to travel simply and vigorously. All travel is done by bicycle, boat, skiing, on foot. It has been estimated that one is easily able to travel at the rate of one dollar per day including food and lodging.

Hostelries have made their appearance in a vast network throughout this country and the world. Upon payment of twenty-five cents, provided you are a member, you are entitled to stay in these carefully chosen vantage points overnight. Membership to the Hostel costs one dollar if you are under twenty one, two over twenty one. This buys you pass for the year.

The infinite significance of Youth Hosteling dawns upon you gradually. It is small wonder that college students in the United States are joining its ever increasing numbers. You are assured of congenial companions whether you contemplate a summer thru the Canadian Rockies or a season in Europe. A summer's travel in Europe, incidentally, will cost about two hundred and seventy five dollars, and perhaps less. A small figure for such a great venture!

In next month's edition of the Birdseye look for an article concerning the Youth Hostels in New England, and especially in Vermont.

INTERESTING FRESHMEN

Olav Taff's hobbies include swimming and collecting Russian novels. His ambitions are to be able to play the cello, piano, and to write poetry. He has traveled in Illinois, Michigan, Canada, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, and Washington. He enjoys working as a private secretary, stringing tennis rackets, and repairing watches. Olav has attended Wheaton College in Illinois, but likes Castleton better, because of the close relation between teachers and students.

From Woodstock, we have Margaret Flower, whose hobbies are tennis, photography, stamp collecting, and all sports. She is interested in dancing, music, whistling, and skiing. Noah Webster and Samuel Tilden are among her ancestors. We give three cheers to "Posy" for keeping house and taking care of eight children, for three years while her mother has been engaged as Post Mistress of Woodstock.

Fair Haven gives us Francis Moriarty, an honor student, graduating from Fair Haven High School. He likes to take pictures and is very athletically inclined. "Stoop" has met Harpo Marx, last year's President of the N. E. A., and Bump Hadley. He wants to go to Notre Dame, but remarks that Castleton is "pretty good."

Philip Kelly also hails from Fair Haven and has met Governor Weeks and Al Smith. His pet aversion is garden work and flowers, but he intends to be a chemist. Philip is especially interested in History, English, Science, and thinks the C. N. S. faculty is grand.

Another Fair Havenite, Jimmy Steele, was President of his Junior class, and is an honor student. He spends his leisure time in hunting. (what?) Jimmy has met Al Smith, Governor Aiken, and has seen President Roosevelt. He enjoys dancing, talking to girls, hiking, picnicing, and dramatics.

NECK AND NECK RACE FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Castleton voters hastened to the polls a second time before one of three candidates for town representative received a majority necessary for election.

A majority is one more than half of the total number of votes cast for all candidates.

Heated arguments before the polls seemed indicated gripping party spirit. Women, cripples, even those hunted, "Shutins" were rushed in automobiles to the Town Hall.

Telephone announcements of "no voice" roused tired drivers to snatch a hasty dinner and again interrupt the domestic scene to return their artisans to the political arena.

The second round was won by Leowers, Republican.

BIRDSEYE TO SPONSOR SHORT STORY CONTEST FEATURING THE THEME OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Wouldn't you like to go home for the Christmas vacation and modestly show the "town folk" the December issue of the Birdseye carrying on the front page a short story written by you? It can be done, both by past and present students of C. N. S., merely by entering, and being one of the winners of the second annual Christmas Story Contest sponsored by the Birdseye.

This is really a double contest; one for the present student body and one for the alumni. The prize for the winner of the "Old Grad" division will be a year's subscription to the Birdseye; for the "yes we attend C. N. S." class a choice between the Birdseye for one year and a copy of Story Magazine.

The rules for this contest are few. See that the editor of the Birdseye has your story on or before Saturday, December third. Your story should not exceed five hundred words, and must have for its theme the Christmas Spirit told in any manner you choose.

The judges will be: Mrs. L. Mabel Morrill, Supervisor of English in the City of Rutland; Miss Louise Branchaud, Instructor of English at Melton School, Rutland; and Mrs. Jack Crowley of Rutland.

Last year's winners were Frank Alex of the Alumni and Glenn Houston of the Student Body.

MUSIC CLASS GOES OBSERVING

The second division of the Sophomore music class motored to the Pine Street School in Rutland, November 1, for an observation lesson. They visited the third and fourth grades in music to watch the development of sight reading without the use of syllables. Mrs. Irene Eno, able assistant supervisor of music of the Rutland Graded Schools, demonstrated how easily the children in the lower grades develop the ability to sing songs from sight without the use of syllables or the do, re, mi scale, as it is better known. After eight weeks of sight reading the boys and girls know steps and skips of the third in the scale progression. Musical rhythm and note activities were developed by clapping, skipping and walking the songs and scanning the words, which enabled the pupils to feel the rhythm and interpret the mood. This method is great contrast to the drab drill lessons of the past.

FREDERIC VAN DE WATER

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he turned down the parkway. Neither is the Yankee two-faced, for he says what he thinks on occasion. As for humor, the Vermont type takes artistry to construct and is of such a type that it is harder to get at.

MARBLE IN THE RAW

Mr. Keech, head of the geology class, obtained permission for that class to make a conducted tour through the marble quarry at West Rutland on Monday, the 25th of October.

The group of 14 members left Castleton at 8:30 in the morning ready for the thrilling experience of investigating the quarry. On arrival at the marble company, each student was requested to sign a paper waiving all responsibility in case of accident. Exclamations brought about by this request were varied—at least they added to the interest and enthusiasm. After all had signed the "death warrants," the group proceeded to the edge of the quarry. Sensations formerly anticipated were justified, because the depth of the quarry was approximately 285 feet.

Looking directly down to the bottom, tracks were seen running to different sections of the quarry. From the rim of the quarry, these resembled toy tracks in a gnome-like town.

Many speculations were made as to how the class would descend to the first landing. The most prevalent belief was that an elevator would carry them down. A long shaft justified this reasoning. Alas, the entire way down was made by the use of the stairs. Chagrin was felt by many on learning that the so-called elevator shaft was one used as an air conditioner to provide fresh oxygen to the workmen in the quarry.

The party was conducted to the "Kitchen,"—a term attached to one section of the quarry. In this part the air was filled with white dust caused by the drilling and cutting of the marble. This process was explained more vividly because the students were able to watch the actual method of obtaining marble. In the "Kitchen" the strata was vertical thus making the process an easier one. The dust finally over-rode the interest of the students, and they all left, a sadly white-washed group. The dust had aged most members at least forty years, if gray hair is any kind of a deciding factor.

The party was then conducted to another section of the quarry, where the strata lay to the east. On the way the guide pointed out the views from which different kinds of marble are cut. After observing the work of another section it was announced that the party would ascend by railroad. The tracks ran from the bottom in an almost vertical line. Finally a car used for carrying marble came to the bottom, and was loaded with geology fans. If the descent by stairs had caused any fears, the ascent seemed ever more perilous. Finally the car reached the top and its passengers alighted, each secretly breathing fervent thanks that he lived above ground.

To obtain full benefit of the trip through the quarry, it seemed necessary to go through the marble exhibit in Proctor. Few of the students,

INTERNATIONAL CLUB ACTIVITIES

The program and executive committee of the International Club, comprised of Marjorie Dix, Bill Jones, Al Henebry, and R. Morse, have the following tentative program outlined for the year:

Nov. 8th, Madame Branliere of Paris will be the guest of the club at an informal meeting. She will discuss the recent European crisis.

Two delegates will be chosen to represent the group at the International Club Conference at Durham, N. H. in December.

A Chinese exchange student from Yale University will be a guest speaker in January.

Four members of the faculty are to be invited to participate in a panel discussion of the Japanese situation.

Four freshmen girls, Phillis Amidon, Ida May Howe, Barbara Clark, Lois Billings, at the next regular meeting will discuss the question of the U. S. rearmament program as applied to the possibility of a war with China. They will be "cross-examined" by those experienced hecklers Messrs. Jones, Henebry, Weaver and Morse. This may precipitate a local war.

At the last meeting Miss Phyllis Amidon conducted an informal discussion on the basic differences in the Nazi, Fascist, Communist, and Democratic nations.

FRESHMEN GROUP REORGANIZE

It has been announced that on November 15th, six of the young men in Group I will be transferred to Group II which has previously been composed of girls. Dr. Woodruff believes this change will promote a better balance, and the young men's influence in both groups will develop more active and interesting participation in all freshman classes.

although residents of Vermont, had been through this educational exhibit. At the exhibit the party was divided into two groups, each of which was furnished with a guide. The first part of the exhibit is made of large walls of marble from various places. The second part of the tour was to the display of stones both for cemetery and garden use. The most awe-inspiring piece of carving was the "Lord's Supper," a world renowned sculpturing feat.

The work sheds proved the last and most beneficial part of the tour, because here the actual processing and carving of marble was being carried on. After leaving here each student was given sample pieces of marble to use in his own geology class. Marble has taken on new and richer meanings for the members of the group.

THE BIRDSEYE SPORTS

BREVITIES

The students of C. N. S. have recently taken trips to Washington, D. C., and to Hawaii—via motion pictures shown in chapel. It certainly is an effortless matter to become a traveller in this day and age.

Olav Taffs, Marie McPhetres, Alice Carpentier, and George Weaver presented an interesting chapel program which was "an introduction to poetry." This is one of several interesting student programs.

Both the orchestra and the girls' Glee Club have made their initial appearances this year in chapel, and their future looks promising.

Bill Jones, in recognition of National Education Week, spoke at chapel last Tuesday about the daily themes suggested by the National Education Association.

To Helen Durant, who was called home by the death of her father, we extend our sincerest sympathy.

Virginia Moore had a birthday not long ago, and, as is fitting, she also had a birthday cake complete with candles and ice cream. The scene of this occasion was the dining-room, and Virginia was the cynosure of all eyes.

We were all delighted to have Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt as dinner guests on Sunday, and hope to see them often.

Ethel Beattie's many friends among students and faculty are glad to know that she isn't out of the state, even though she is away from us temporarily. Ethel is having a much needed rest cure.

Miss Mary B. Sullivan, a former teacher at C. N. S., was a recent week-end guest.

Miss Black spent last week-end painting a certain horse-drawn vehicle which is commonly known as a gig. Perhaps Castleton is planning to enter the races of the next Rutland Fair.

Hay-rides are fast becoming a

THE BIRDSEYE VIEW OF SPORTS

The men's basketball schedule is now taking definite form. A game is scheduled at Castleton with the Danbury five November twenty-ninth, and the local boys travel to Gorham December 3. Franciscan College of Albany appears for the first time on Castleton's schedule. Two games have been arranged with the Albany aggregation.

A game with the Alumni would be a good idea and a close contest. The Alumni quintet would include such stars of former years as "Sandy" Beretta, Glenn Houston, George Harrington, Bob Lorette, Denny Stevens, Bonny Bonville, Tommy Rice, and Nelson Lyons. These names are all familiarly linked with basketball history at C. N. S. I'm sure the game would be no walk-a-way for the present aggregation.

Some of my football selections of last issue have not fared so well. Nevertheless, Dartmouth, Pittsburgh, and Texas Christian, my selections, are still going strong and are very high in our national ranking. Pittsburgh and Texas Christian, probably our best college teams, would make an ideal college game. Texas Christian is famed for its passes and Pittsburgh is renowned for its power. This might settle the argument of which is better, the pass or the ground plays.

Tip of the Month—

This year's basketball team is going to be one of the best ever at C. N. S. A good schedule has also been arranged. Let's all get behind the team and give it some real support. Why not have a 100% attendance at the Danbury game?

popular diversion for week-enders at C. N. S. Hay-rides, however, are indulging in different types of amusement.

The Breakfast Club maintains its enthusiasm for early-morning outings, or is the enthusiasm for the delicious pancakes executed by Olav Taffs and the ambrosial coffee which is Al Henebry's specialty? Dewey Field, the Mill Pond, and Hooker's Ledge are three of the popular spots for these breakfasts.

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The enthusiasm for basketball can't be dulled by inability to obtain the use of the Town Hall. Back stops have been erected on the front campus and with the cooperation of the weather man, basketball practice progresses.

Glancing in the dining room Saturday mornings and noting all the empty tables does not mean that the students have overslept. A venture up to Hooker's Ledge would satisfy the curiosity as to the empty tables. Of course you can guess—it's the breakfast hike!

It appears that student groups are running competition with each other as to which group goes on the more supper hikes. Nearly every night there's a picnic supper served to some group. The destination? Hooker's Ledge, Dewey Field, Pickadilly Hill or the Hill back of the campus.

Robin Hood and his Merry Men have nothing on us as to efficient and enthusiastic archers. C. N. S. may don the cap of honor in archery. The interest is increasing rapidly with the purchase of a dozen new arrows, and four new bows.

A grand trip to Bird Mountain was planned for Monday, October 29. Over twenty enthusiasts planned to attempt the ascent of the mountain. Continued rain throughout Sunday night and Monday morning called for postponement of the trip.

Eighteen new rackets among the students has set the interest in tennis on a higher level. All who can play and those who wish to learn are urged to come out as much as possible. Courts are a little wet now and then but with this nice weather, the courts should be in condition to play on.

Jingle bells! Jingle bells! Jingle all the way! Oh what fun it is to ride on a two-horse open hay-wagon! Two teams with over thirty-five students in all journeyed up to North Breton on two different nights. Gathered around a huge fire, the group sang, ate, and played games making the evening an enjoyable one. A third hay-ride with two teams, plenty of hay, and promises of a perfect evening is planned for Thursday night, Nov. 10. Barbara Phillips and Al Henebry are in charge of the hay-rides.

Field hockey is well underway. Sophomore and Freshman teams have competed to determine the more skillful class teams.

Sports managers have been chosen,

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ALUMNI

1915—Miss Gertrude McKenna of Fair Haven studied at the University of Vermont last summer.

1930—Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Harwood of Montreal, Canada are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Harwood was the former Laura Jean Lathrop.

Mrs. Olive Harwood Dern is teaching in the West Road School, Dorset.

1931—Antoinette Morrissey of North Adams, Massachusetts, formerly of Arlington, Vermont, has changed her position from the Snow School to the intermediate grades in South Shaftsbury.

1933—Linea Hill studied at Cornell University last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dunlap of Sunderland are the proud parents of a daughter. Mrs. Dunlap was Charlotte Lawrence.

1934—Arda Whitney was married last summer and now lives in St. Johnsbury. She taught last year in Westminister.

1936—Elizabeth Clark visited her sister Barbara here on Sunday. She is teaching in Leyden, Massachusetts.

Christine Robinson has a position as teacher in the lower grades at Westminister.

1937—Corrine Towne was married last summer to Albert Pockette of Fair Haven.

Lorraine Jones spent last week-end here. She teaches in the Spankton School, Pawlet. Her two girls and six boys are organized into a baseball team. The children have earned fifteen dollars to buy athletic equipment by selling candy bars.

Barbara Main is teaching in Rochester.

1938—Miriam Kilbourn teaches in the Riverside School, Bridgewater. She has twenty-one pupils with all eight grades.

Lois Brouton is teaching in Shoreham.

Martha Langdon, fourth year Class of 1938, and Antoniette Pelligreeno, third year Class of 1933 are sharing an apartment in Bennington. Miss Langdon teaches in Pownal. Miss Pelligreeno in Shaftsbury.

Virginia Handy is teaching in Springfield. She is carrying on an interesting study of transportation with her intermediate grades.

and they are as follows:

Basketball.....Mary Durke
Volley-ball.....Shirley Knap
Tennis.....Marion Drow
Badminton and Ping-pong

Rhoda Lyon
Deck tennis.....Barbara Jones
Archery.....Florence O'Brien
Skating.....Al Dauph
Tobogganing.....Doris Wood
Hockey.....Helen Durant
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Yuletide Greetings and a Prosperous New Year"

C.N.S. To Celebrate Yuletide Season By Gay Festivals

Christmas will be a pleasing celebration at Castleton Normal School on Thursday, December fifteenth. The annual banquet will be held to which commuters, as well as regular boarders are invited.

After the meal the traditional Yule log ceremony will be held in the library. This is a custom which has long been observed at the school. Two members of the student body chosen by last year's committee will light the new log from the old. Much secrecy surrounds this rite.

Following this, the Sophomore Dramatic Art class will give an original nativity play. The theme, "Is there anything to the celebration of Christmas, or have people been holding to a silly tradition?"

The carolling is under the direction of Miss Mary Markham and four student leaders: Sylvia Fenn, Ferrol Leech, Bernice Crosby and Mary Williamson.

The commuters are having a Christmas dinner party and tree, at which guests will be present. Those on the executive committee are: Pearl McMann, Edward Fish, Alfred Royce and Stanley Offensend.

The Freshman and Sophomore classes are also having parties. These parties will consist of a Christmas tree, exchange of presents, and tasty repasts.

GERMANS WILL FEEL NAZI OUTRAGES FIRST SAYS ERIKA MANN

"The most recent Nazi outrages against the Jews were not 'spontaneous reactions,' as Goebbels has called them, but were deliberately planned and perpetrated by Nazi officials to arouse the people over this newest crisis," is the opinion of Miss Erika Mann, author of "School For Barbarians" and daughter of Thomas Mann, Germany's most noted writer and Nobel prize winner. Miss Mann's opinions were given in an interview following her lecture on November 6th in the Castleton Normal auditorium.

"The thinking people of Germany," said Miss Mann, "are beginning to

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CHRISTMAS STORM

By Glenn Houston

Up in the Arctic Circle the storm had started, sweeping southward across the frozen and barren tundra until as the sudden northern night fell, it roared around the tiny trading post on the frozen bank of the Great Slave.

The whole building trembled before the storm and inside, the single oil lamp waved and flickered casting fantastic shadows over the trading counter piled high with skins, over the heat reddened stove in the center of the floor and finally it illuminated dimly the small bedroom off the trade room, where a man sat beside a bed holding a woman's hand.

It would have taken no great physician to tell by the woman's sunken cheeks and labored breathing that death, riding the winds of the storm, had paused at this lonely post. Yet the man and woman talked cheerfully and even laughed together, for wasn't this Christmas Eve and then—the hours left together were so few.

As was of the past they talked; of another Christmas Eve, when John MacMartin had married Jean Douglas against her parents' wishes and how they had fled to voluntary exile in

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"PEACE ON EARTH"

By Hilda Green

Just this morning David had received the letter! His mother had been shot by the Germans—and he was alone in the world. It has been bad enough alone in New York, but there had been his mother's coming to urge him on in getting an honest job and a good place to live in.

"Peace on earth and mercy mild," sang the children in the street. Peace! That's a laugh! Little those children knew of peace and war—of torture, humility, and scorn. He thought how his mother had looked when he left for America two years ago.

"My son," she had said, "there are terrible things about to happen, but in America we can escape them. Hunger and cold will be no comparison to the cruelty that will come to our people. Be brave, work hard in that free country and soon I shall come to you."

David's hand passed over his face as if to erase this nightmare from his mind. If only it were but a bad dream, and he could wake up and know his mother was coming.

"Joy to the world"—still those carolers kept on. How was life worth living with nothing to look forward to? His heart was so full of hate.

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Prominent English Author To Speak Here In January

Phyllis Bentley, alert, sympathetic writer of novels of social movements and man's struggle with and in the social set-up, and as a speaker of charm and intelligence, will lecture at the Normal School, January 10 on "The Modern Novel."

Miss Bentley's latest novel, "Sleep in Peace," which appeared last spring, deals with the transition of a family from the Victorian point of view to the post-war attitude. Other books which have received high praise from reviewers in this country are "Inheritance," and "A Modern Tragedy."

As a writer of short stories Miss Bentley is a favorite with readers of popular periodicals.

RUTLAND COUNTY LEGISLATORS VISIT CASTLETON NORMAL

The newly elected senators and representatives of Rutland County were entertained at dinner at the Normal School December 3. This occasion was for the purpose of acquainting the senators and representatives with the developments of this school. The guests were seated at one large table with Dr. Woodruff as hostess.

Following dinner an informal meeting was held in the lobby of Leavenworth Hall. Senator-elect Mortimer Proctor of Proctor acted as chairman in the absence of the regular chairman, Dr. Paul C. Douglas.

Dr. Woodruff outlined the growth of this school from 1921 when it offered a one-year course to the present where a Bachelor of Education degree is granted on the completion of a four-year course. Among the immediate plans for further development, she declared that the most urgent need of the school is a gymnasium.

A tour of the school was conducted by Dr. Woodruff, assisted by Mr. Leo Towers. The group visited the old chapel, library, class rooms, and the kitchen.

The following were present: Senators, Henry B. Carpenter, Rutland;

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DISSATISFACTION GUARANTEED

"Hey youse mugs, you ain't giving me my cut of de loot," growls the tough gangster. "Mama, Jean got a bigger piece of cake than I did," whines little Alice. "We must strive to establish a more equal distribution of income," says the economics professor.

However it is stated, whether couched in the cultural language of an English instructor or expressed in the rough jargon of the wrong side of the tracks, it always reiterates the same idea. No one is ever satisfied with his lot.

In some people this attitude of dissatisfaction is called "ambitions." Perhaps it is. The unemployed man walking the streets declares, "If only I could get a job, I'd be happy." Soon after he secures a position, he becomes embittered because Pete Smith's salary is two dollars a week more than his. If he gets the desired raise, he demands an extra week of vacation or another afternoon off—and so on.

Most of us are sure that if we could only acquire enough wealth to be assessed under the income tax laws, we would be perfectly willing to pay our share. Maybe we would but I doubt it. Are we so very different from those mercenary individuals who are periodically brought before federal investigating committees for tax evasion?

Photography must be an interesting profession. If a person's picture flatters him, he complains because his friends do not recognize the resemblance. If it is a poor picture, he says that he looks queer enough anyway, without adding insult to injury.

The age-old question will never be settled. Youth longs for the privileges of adulthood. Age sighs for youth and gayety.

I'm not prepared to philosophize on this subject. I'm inclined to think that satisfaction should be relegated to the category of unattainables along with honest politicians, painless dentistry, correct spelling, and interesting textbooks. After all, wouldn't life be very dull if we couldn't find any excuse for crabbing?

LABOR AND CAPITAL—?

Labor has gone on a rampage in France, and when labor goes on a rampage anywhere it does not stop at proper boundaries. When men ruin the homes of their own neighbors they endanger the lives of persons young and old who they would ordinarily hold in high esteem. But even more vital, they often cast away their own means of existence—the job which perhaps they will never hold again. So, without defending capital or condemning strikes, how effective a weapon of labor is violence?

The Leon Jouhaux's of the world strive to prolong these revolts, drawing for themselves a fabulous weekly sum from the labor unions. They use propaganda in the form of speeches and publications to keep the strikers on edge and to embitter them towards capital.

One method to remedy the existing situation is proper education of both groups. Too many times strikes are called instantaneously. Educated labor would tend to move to a violent method such as this only as a last resort, after first using arbitration. A strike under these conditions would be incomparable to the brutal mutinies which they are today. Instead they would be intelligent and peaceful.

And so until capital and labor becomes more broadly enlightened than they are at present strikes will continue to rear up their ugly heads in all labor circles—to the benefit of a handful of profiteers, at the cost and discomfort of the others involved, namely: capital and labor.

How True! How True!

Sinclair Lewis, who has probably heard from as many ambitious young writers as anybody in the nation, is discouraged because so few of them can spell. In an outburst of indignation in a recent issue of News Week he recommends that the parents supply their offspring with a short shelf of reference books, tools for the writer. Let them learn to walk before they try to fly, he counsels.

Since this list is so brief and the books are so relatively inexpensive, we are repeating the titles here: Roget's Thesaurus (Crowell) \$3; Practical Standard Dictionary (Funk & Wagnalls) \$5; New International Dictionary (Webster) \$20; Columbia Encyclopedia (1 Vol.) \$17.50; World Almanac \$.75; American Illustrated Medical Dictionary (Dorland) \$7; Stevenson's Home Book Of Quotations (Dodd-Mead) \$12.50; Stevenson's Home Book of Verse (Holt, No. 2 Vol.) \$15; Who's who in America (A. N. Marquis) \$15. Total cost of books \$95.75. Add to this \$65 for portable typewriter and you have a complete working outfit for a writer.

"If we can hustle the educational tempo of this country a little more," Mr. Lewis asserts, "perhaps the average college senior of 1940 can acquire something of the precision of McGuffey's First Reader, published in 1836."

This advice was sent to the Birdseye by T. J. Rice, '37.

"PEACE ON EARTH"

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What right had those Germans to touch his mother? She had lived well, worked hard, and never caused any trouble. Gone!

Suddenly all the sadness, hate and fear of living gathered together and he sobbed! His shoulders shook with grief. Far into the night he sat there until God in his mercy sent the one thing to ease David's sorrow, sleep.

"Peace on earth, good will to men."

In the morning he awoke to find snow falling softly from the gray sky into the dirty city streets changing it into a fairyland. He was weary and exhausted from last night's horror, but he started down to the street with grim determination. His mother was dead. He could no longer help her, but there were other ways he could make himself useful. He could work for the cause of the other Jews in Germany by telling the kind Americans his own experience—and they would send money to his people—so on that day, Christmas, 1938, though not a Christian, David began to hum "Peace on earth and mercy mild" and went on bravely to his goal.

NEVER ENDING HORIZONS

In New England the Youth Hostel has flourished to such a degree that few of us have not yet had some first hand experience with it. Many of you have frequently seen groups of rugged and carefree youths peddling happily along Vermont roads during the past. No state has taken more kindly to a movement so in keeping with our Vermont tradition of appreciating to the utmost that which nature has supplied us a more than generous portion. No state in this section can boast of more hostelries. They are profusely scattered throughout the state—did you know there are some as near to us as East Hubbardton and Poultney? The following towns of Vermont have a hostelry established: Townshend, Lincoln, Hanksville, Jericho Center, Jeffersonville, Stowe, Wolcott, Walden, Putney, East Hubbardton, Poultney and many others. I believe I am safe in saying that at least twice as many exist at present. This list is made up from an old source and so I cannot do the Vermont hostelries justice at present. (Ours is a wealth of winding country roads comparatively infrequented by the scourge of cyclists, the motor car.)

Let us assume that you have paid a dollar and are now a full fledged member. You contemplate a trip through Vermont and by writing to Northfield, Mass. have been assigned to a group of young college men and women interested in the same venture. You have been notified that your expenses will not exceed a dollar a day provided you are fairly frugal (as Vermonters we need not worry about frugality). You will find the group you join congenial—they must be, otherwise they would not be interested in doing the same thing you desire to do.

Dressed in light summer attire—almost invariably shorts and blouse (a change is carried in a knap-sack and very little more) you start out at a leisurely rate, taking plenty of time to enjoy your surroundings. You are free to journey as far afield as you like provided you have the stamina to get back. Your general course is predetermined with the idea of taking the most scenic and convenient bicycle roads. At mid-day you stop to eat a simple but highly nutritious meal prepared by the scheduled to perform such duties the day. After sufficient rest you take to the road about three o'clock, thus avoiding the more intense heat of the noon day sun.

Along about nighttime you arrive at a hostelry and stack your bikes for the night. The hostelry is usually well kept farm with adequate facilities for a large group of young people. The keepers are known the House Father and Mother. They have been approved by Headquarters (continued on page three)

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recognize this as an admission of interval difficulties and as a result public morale is heading downward. The people of Germany are finding out that whenever economic difficulties arise the Nazis promote some 'great cause' to rally the hopes of the people and make them forget their own troubles. That is why I feel the greatest repercussions will come in Germany itself unless the people of England and America can bring enough pressure to bear on their governments to affect their foreign policy."

Asked about German exchange students who come to American colleges, Miss Mann replied that without exception their purpose here was to spread Nazi propaganda. Before ever leaving Germany an exchange student is given an extensive course in foreign propaganda. In the selection of these Nazi ambassadors the chosen are always those who are so indoctrinated with Hitler ideals they will not, in the slightest, be affected by the American system of government.

Do you think the British would have reacted to the Czechoslovakia situation in a different manner had Eden instead of Chamberlain been in command? Smiling Miss Mann shrugged her shoulders, "Eden is the more intelligent man but he is no fighter."

The secret return of Miss Mann to Germany at the risk of her life to rescue some of her father's manuscripts reads like a medieval romance but to listen to her dispassionate account of this journey you are not at all sure that such experiences are uncommon in her life. Dressed in peasant garments and wearing dark glasses, Miss Mann arrived in Munich during the afternoon and wandered through the side streets until early evening when she approached the Mann residence, which was occupied by Nazi Storm Troopers, let herself in with a key and went to the upstairs apartments. Despite the fact that the first floor was occupied by decidedly hostile gentlemen, she went to her room and slept for several hours. Upon awakening she secured the manuscripts and left without attracting attention. She spoke of only one hardship in the entire trip that being the unpleasantness of stopping in her home town and not being able to visit her friends.

Erika Mann is a colorful personality who has acquired an international reputation as actress, playwright, authoress and lecturer. Tall, slender, brown-eyed brunette, speaking with only a trace of an accent she showed rare ability in cutting through the camouflage of political intrigue. Her unassuming charm is revealed in her opinion of Vermont. She said, "I love it. It reminds me of Bavaria."

SANTA VISITS

"Santa Claus" visited C. N. S. last Saturday. "He" didn't drive his reindeers—"he" came in a Buick, a Pontiac, a Plymouth, and several Fords. "He" didn't have long white whiskers, but "he" wore a business suit. "He" had luncheon with Dr. Woodruff and the student body; then he looked the school over very carefully. We hope he noticed that the thing we lack most is a gymnasium. Heaven known we dropped enough hints, and he seemed to be listening. "He" appeared to be a very kind-hearted person (we hope, we hope!). Well, after the legislature meets, we'll know just how kind-hearted "he" is! So until then, be very, very good little children! (Or Daddy will break your—neck!)

CHRISTMAS STORM

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the north, how for five years now he had been trader, doctor and friend to the trappers and finally of how Jean had become ill and though neither mentioned it directly both knew that soon they must part.

Knocking at the door, barely audible above the wind, roused the man and sent him hurrying to open it. Amid a swirl of snow, white sheathed from head to foot, a man stumbled into the trade room.

"M'sieur can you come with me at once," he pleaded, "My wife is to have a child tonight and all day she has been delirious, her mouth fills with blood and I know without you she'll die—"

The man's voice stopped—he had seen the woman lying in the bed. The keen eyes of the trapper needed no second look. Slowly his head bowed. "I'm sorry M'sieur I did not know"—Turning he started to leave.

The voice of the woman stopped him. Quickly John MacMartin went to her and her low voice, inaudible to the waiting man, at last silenced the final protest of her husband.

Minutes later two hooded figures went out into the fury of the storm and hurried down the river trail.

Hard was the fight the men waged against the storm to reach their destination—harder still was the battle John MacMartin fought against hemorrhage and death in the tiny cabin but he won both and in the cold gray dawn of Christmas morning, as the wind died, he left behind him, as it was on that first Christmas; a father, mother and sleeping babe.

Up the trail he sped hoping against hope that Jean could have waited. Quickly he opened the trading post door—then closing it softly he stepped back out into the grey morning.

Slowly John MacMartin raised his head. Softly he whispered, "You told

SKI-WARDROBE

To attempt to ski without the necessary equipment is to court failure and remove all the pleasure from the sport. It is like trying to skate with shoes unlaced.

The following are the absolutely necessary elements of a ski outfit—skis, harness, boots, poles. Do not make the mistake of thinking you can dispense with any of them. A pair of heavy soled hiking shoes will not do "just as well," nor is it easier to ski without a harness.

Prices for skis vary from \$2.98 for flat top maple to \$35. for imported hickory. A fine bargain for beginners is the ridge top maple ski selling for about \$4.75. A good harness sells for \$1.85, poles start at \$1.15. Ski boots range from \$3.50 to \$30. (There are more of the \$3.50 shoes sold than of the \$30.)

Here's a word of warning—don't grease or oil your boots to waterproof them; use ordinary shoe polish. Oil or grease will allow the leather to stretch and the boot will lose its shape.

Regarding the wood used in skis—pine is worthless. It is far better to spend a few pennies more and get maple. Hickory is the best and also the most expensive.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM N. E. CONFERENCE

In the judgment of Margaret Paige, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Rudolph Morse, and William Jones the gist of the New England Student Conference held in Boston may be summed up in the following statements:

Leadership is all important for student growth.

The Point System is an aid to student participation for development of self expression.

Lectures, entertainment courses, and extra curricula activities give students a broad cultural background.

Graduate students should keep their names on the files at the office.

Student committees are valuable aids to Appointment Bureaus.

A happy medium of scholastic ability, character and interests in extra curricula activities are qualities most valued by superintendents.

A student's responsibility for further education does not end when he gets a job. He must travel, make professional contacts, and pursue additional courses.

Commuters may enjoy privileges and extra curricula activities by properly controlling their time.

Student-faculty relationship should be the same in class and outside.

me that on that other Christmas Eve, She asked for help and was refused—well it's done Jean, the way you wanted it."

The man shivered and felt as though he stood in a clean cold wind.

SENIORS DISCUSS HEBREW LITERATURE

An evening during which the seniors had an opportunity to discuss Hebrew Literature with Dr. Paul Douglass was recently spent at his home in Poultney.

Interpreted through the rich knowledge of Dr. Douglas, Hebrew literature takes on a deeper, more appealing aspect full of singular richness and light.

He also discussed his article appearing in the Social Frontier, November, 1937, entitled, "Keep the Public Schools Public!" His views on the relationship of religious training to public school training is very clearly and concisely stated.

TO THE WINNERS

To Hilda Green of the student body and Glenn Houston of the alumni a wreath of laurels for winning the second annual Christmas Short Story Contest.

To the other entrants, "our thanks" for making this contest a success. Their stories will be published in future issues of the Birdseye.

To the judges, Miss Louise Brancaud, Mrs. Jack Crowley, Mrs. L. Mabel Morrill our appreciation and gratitude.

SCIENCE TO THE FORE

Congressman Charles Plumley evinces his interest in Science by presenting a handsome loving cup to the school which will be awarded annually to some young man or woman for achievement in Science. Standardized or informal tests plus contribution to the work in Science in the school will furnish the basis for award. The library will house the cup from one commencement to the next when the lucky winner will be announced.

NEVER ENDING HORIZONS

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You invariably find friendship and hospitality at their hostelry. Each member pays twenty-five cents and is therefore entitled to the use of cooking equipment and a bed.

After a hearty meal which includes good healthful country fare, you sit around and visit, sing or discuss outstanding events of that day. Because you are tired you are all rather enthusiastic about going to bed early, usually about ten. You have little trouble sleeping in a strange bed!

This is the very barest description of a day of hosteling. The joy of comradeship, the zest of physical exertion, the keen hunger, and the glorious hourly perception of never-ending beauty and discovery.

BREVITIES

Recent elections—

Shirley Knapp has been elected vice-president of the Sophomore Class.

Barbara Jones is the editor-in-chief of the 1939 Castleton.

The newly elected officers of the Rural Club are Barbara Slack, president; Jean Adams, vice-president; Charlena Thomas, secretary; and Elizabeth Heffernan, treasurer.

The nominating committee of the Freshman Class consists of John Houser, chairman, Phyllis Amidon, and Ferol Keech.

Barbara Jones, Ruth Seabury, and Shirley Knapp are the nominating committee for the C. N. S. Players.

We may expect an announcement of the officers at an early date.

The Sophomore class in biology made an observation of several science classes taught by Mrs. Durkee to her sixth grade. After these observations, Mrs. Durkee explained to the class her aims and purposes, and was quite willing to answer all questions.

Marie McPhetres entertained her mother here for several days not long ago.

Castleton students observed Thanksgiving fittingly by making up baskets which were distributed to several needy families of the village on Thanksgiving eve.

Dr. Woodruff addressed the Rotary Club at Middlebury, Nov. 30. She spoke on the activities of the N. E. A. during the past year.

Mary Wiggins is ill at her home in Rutland. We all hope that she will soon be well.

Miss LeBaron of Burlington presented a very clear picture of the standard of living in Vermont to the faculty and to the rural sociology class about two weeks ago.

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CASTLETON WINS OPENER

November 21 Coach Fox's Castleton Cagers eked out a 27-25 victory over a small but powerful Danbury five in an over-time thriller.

The Greenies started to function smoothly soon after the opening whistle and had a good lead as the first quarter ended. The score mounted in Castleton's favor as the second quarter wore on, and at half time the game looked like an easy victory for the home team. The Nutmeggers came back with vengeance in the second half and were able to part the cords with the greatest of ease against the Castleton second stringers who were now playing for the home club. The first stringers then took the floor, but they were also unable to stop the Danbury flood of baskets and Danbury went into a 25-24 lead with 27 seconds of game left on the watch. Then "Spike" Prunier assumed the hero's role by knotting the count with a throw from the foul line and sent the game into a sudden death over time period. After Danbury had missed several easy chances to win the game, Prunier again dropped in a twin bracer and secured a hard fought victory for Castleton. Prunier stood head and shoulders above all players on the floor in ability and Castleton can thank "Spike" for its victory.

Castleton Overpowered By Pine Staters, 68-29

December 3 Castleton traveled to Gorham, Me. and was snowed under 68-29 by the Down Easters. The Castleton quintet seemed helpless before the Maine attack, and their offense was greatly hindered by the loss of Co-captains Prunier and Nichols, and Al Royce via the personal foul route. If Castleton could have connected on a majority of their free throws the game might have been fairly close. They were only able to connect 6 times in 26 attempts.

The Greenies looked much better in their contest with Danbury, but a Gorham victory would still have been captured if the Vermonters were clicking at their best. No one man stood out for Castleton but Nichols and Prunier played their usual brand of ball before they were ejected.

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CAMPFIRE TRAILS

Hiking has the most prominent place in the lives of the Castleton Normal School students this year, (next to studying?) Any pleasant day, you may see a group of students with baskets on their backs scrambling up some hillside.

Vermont offers all sorts of trails, roads, picnic spots, and views. For instance, back of the school, only a short ten minute ramble, a little hill offers you one of nature's best dining nooks. It is surrounded by pines with the sky for ceiling; no four walls hem you in. You'll be surprised how much better your appetite is here.

For a long six mile round trip, there is nothing like a walk to the North Breton woods. The ramble itself is the outstanding feature of this trip, so all you descendants of the English here is your chance to show your endurance. If you are a real stepper you'll get there and back in two hours, not counting time out for cooking and eating, of course.

If you care for a view of Lake Bomoseen from a lofty hill top, try Hooker's Ledge. One never feels so completely "away from it all" as when he has climbed this steep incline. It's only a mile up there and worth anyone's while and energy.

For the strong of heart and limbs a jaunt of seven or fifteen miles is a pleasure. For the short seven miles up and the seven miles back, there is Mount Zion in East Hubbardton. Indian lore and battle lore is very thick here; the view is magnificent; the walk is exhilaration itself. Then there is Lake Bomoseen with the lake as the climax; you all know about Vermont's "Great Lake."

For those who like to stay nearer home, there is always our school sports arena: Dewey Field, the town reservoir, the cabin with a fireplace, or maybe Meadowbrook. Keep an eye out for good skiing spots also. It won't be too long before we have more snow. No one need feel slighted about walking; there are short trips and long trips, with or without lunch, just as you wish. Maybe we can climb the Alps someday or Mt. Everest.

ADDED NOTE—

Middlebury has its Panthers, the University of Vermont has its Catamounts, and Norwich its Horsemen. Why doesn't Castleton Normal adopt some animal as their patron saint? Have you any suggestions? If you have slip them in box 89 and we will be very grateful.

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ALUMNI

1886—Anna F. Bell of Castleton passed away recently at the home of Miss Edna Higley. She was a member of the faculty of this school and loved dearly by all her associates.

1913—Marie Buck spent her Thanksgiving recess with her brother in Arlington. She teacher in Gardner, Massachusetts.

1919—Gertrude Tull and her sister, Jane, class of 1930, teach the two-room school at South Dorset.

1927—Mrs. W. C. Walker (Dora Cole) has been spending the past two months with her brother in Norway, Maine recovering from a nervous breakdown.

1929—Mrs. David Brooks (Patricia McLaughlin) of Dorset studied at the summer session of the University of Vermont.

1930—Mr. and Mrs. Francis Guitman are the proud parents of a daughter. Mrs. Guitman was the former Charlotte Bliss.

1931—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smolenski are rejoicing over the birth of a son. Mrs. Smolenski was the former Frances Markowski.

1932—Mrs. Cecil Dodge (Elsie Dodge) of Pawlet and her husband motored to California this summer.

1933—Mrs. Russel Delaney (Mildred Balch) is teaching for her sixth year in the Chisleville School, Sunderland, Vermont.

1934—Thelma McDonald is spending the winter at the home of her parents in Rutland.

1935—Florence Persons teaches in the Cobble Hill School in Barre.

1936—Geraldine Gibbs is teaching in the Furnace School, Pittsford.

1937—Robert Lorette is not only pursuing his vocation as a teacher but is in partnership with his sister in a grocery and dry goods store in Arlington, Vermont.

LEGISLATORS VISIT CASTLETON NORMAL

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Mortimer Proctor, Proctor; and Willard Smith, Shrewsbury; Representatives, Charles A. Aiken, Benson; Warren J. Aldrich, Shrewsbury; Wallace Fay, Proctor; Mrs. Ethel Gifford, Sherburne; Robert Lull, Fair Haven; W. S. Shattuck, Mt. Holly; Clayton Taylor, Danby; and Leo Towers of Castleton. Mr. Bert L. Stafford of Rutland, chairman of the State Board of Education and Mr. Edward Ellis of Castleton, former representative and senator of this county were also guests.

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Phyllis Bentley Delights Audience At C. N. S.

Tracing the modern novel through successive changes induced by the world, a spread of popular education and the influence of Sigmund Freud was the contribution of Phyllis Bentley, English novelist, to the Evening Lecture Course of Castleton Normal School, Tuesday, Jan. 10.

Miss Bentley declared the best way to ascertain the unifying character of the modern novel is to compare it with that of the mid-nineteenth century.

Freud influenced the modern novel not only by changing the novelist's attitude toward his characters but provided new fields of thought.

Between the time of the world war and 1928 novels became shorter and more sophisticated and less provincial. Since 1928 a new phase is apparent. The serious war novel, as exemplified by J. B. Priestley's "The Good Companion," has appeared.

The novel of today has increased in breadth and scope, in scene and in character portrayal. The lecturer declared that we now see the characters in a novel through our own eyes rather than through the eyes of the author.

A widespread interest in the novel, said Miss Bentley, is attested to by the fact that in Britain alone an average of six novels per day represented the output of 1938.

Dr. Caroline Woodruff introduced the speaker who was the guest of the school for dinner and the night.

FERDINAND REIGNS AT SOPH DANCE

That popular hero of fiction, and lately of the radio and the cinema, "Ferdinand, the Bull" was in his glory smelling the flowers at the annual Sophomore Hop which took place Saturday evening, Jan. 14.

Burns Martin's orchestra, which furnished the music, used as its theme Ferdinand's own song, "Ferdinand, the Bull." Everything went off smoothly under the guiding hands of the general committee headed by Barbara Slack and the invitation committee with Alice Hamilton as chairman, the decorating committee under Shirley Knapp, and the refreshment committee headed by Naomi Myrick.

SENIORS OBSERVE SILK-MAKING PROCESS

The Senior Class with Mr. Keech visited the Champlain Valley Silk Company in Whitehall, Friday, January 6.

Observation began with raw silk threads and continued through the various processes (continued on page three)

CHILDREN'S CORNER BEING CREATED IN SCHOOL LIBRARY

A "Children's Corner" has been set aside in the southeast corner of library. Two small reading tables have been placed between projecting bookcases whose shelves are filled with children's books of all types,—Mother Goose, fairy stories, hero stories, animal stories, fanciful tales, and magazines.

Each week certain designated groups from nearby schools will come for a period of exploration and enjoyment of the books in the "Children's Corner" under the supervision of a library assistant.

The establishment of this new feature marks the realization of a long felt need for special provision for additional reading facilities for children. The school library this year has been fortunate in receiving a large number of children's books as gifts. A friend of Miss Woodruff has been especially interested in our school library.

PROBLEMS SLATED FOR VERMONT LEGISLATURE

Section seven of the Constitution of Vermont states: "The General Assembly shall meet bi-annually on the first Wednesday next after the first Monday of January beginning in A. D. 1915." This year, 1939, the legislature of our state meets to consider its problems. Already listed for consideration are:

The educational department has asked for \$140,000 a year for necessary repairs, supplies at teacher training institutions, and proper training for prospective teachers.

It has been suggested that the public high school term be raised from a 36 to a 38 week session.

An item of considerable interest to those of Rutland County is concerning the future of the Rutland Railroad. The Railroad Company has requested that there be a reduction in the taxes. Governor Aiken approves of a reasonable reduction since the railroads are earning very little. He is opposed to a direct loan. The owners, as well as the taxpayers and employees of the road, should stand their part of the burden Governor Aiken believes.

It is well known that many people visit Vermont to enjoy its landscapes and beautiful scenery. Considerable criticism has been given on "Billboards." This question will come before the legislature.

The Education Committee in the House includes: Emerson (Chairman), Barton; Douglas, Poultney; Brush, Arlington; Mrs. Allen, Ferrisburg; Hoffman, Lyndon; Harris, Westford; Mrs. Annie Taylor, Brunswick; Downs, Williamstown; Aiken, Benson; Mrs. Way, North Hero; Mrs. Emery, Eden; Coburn, East Montpelier; Stafford, Brattleboro; Watson, Hartford; and Spaulding, Newport.

FAMOUS MURAL PAINTER ADDRESSES STUDENTS

William Tift Schwartz, painter of murals and illustrator of science books spoke to the students of Castleton Normal School, Tuesday afternoon, January 17 on the murals which he is developing at Sandgate, Vermont for the New York World's Fair.

These murals will constitute a part of the United Petroleum Company's Exhibit and will trace crude oil from the time it is taken from the earth through the refining process until it becomes the finished product.

COMMUTERS' PARTY NOVEL OCCASION

Amid festive surroundings and a splendid spirit of cooperation and friendliness, sixty commuters with their guests, Miss Emma Holmes and Miss Mary Markham, held a Christmas banquet in the Girls' Commuters' room on Wednesday, December 14.

The meal was eaten by the light of candles and the colorfully lighted Christmas tree. Carol singing furnished entertainment, and gifts were distributed from the tree.

The committee was headed by Charlotte Wysolmerski and her helpers, Gertrude Dwyer, Rita Dwyer, Martha Stepanian, Florence O'Brien, Catherine Yaroshak, and Catherine Moriarty.

Pictures were taken by John Houser and Rudolph Morse.

DEMONSTRATION SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Mr. Carl Batchelder, Deputy Commissioner of Education for the State of Vermont, spent Thursday, December 1, visiting the demonstration schools at Castleton Corners, Meadowbrook, and the sixth grade of the Castleton village school. He was accompanied by Principal Caroline S. Woodruff and Miss Alice Morrill of the Normal School.

A conference was held in the afternoon at which various achievements and future plans were discussed with the three demonstration teachers, Mrs. Stella Durkee, Miss Anna Eddy, and Miss Rachel Hinkley. Wednesday has been set aside as a regular day for demonstrations in all three schools.

Reading readiness demonstrations have been given for the Sophomores at Meadowbrook and Castleton Corners.

AFRICAN EXPERIENCE

The thrills of a trip into the interior of Africa accompanied only by native guides will be told by Mrs. Wayne Sareka during the assembly period on Tuesday, January 24th. Mr. and Mrs. Sareka are the directors of a health camp in Cuttingsville.

Theme Of Guidance Will Feature 18th Castleton Conference

Guidance as a factor in building citizenship has been selected as the theme of the 18th annual Castleton conference to be held at the Normal School, February third. Following the plan of previous conferences two general sessions will be conducted in the auditorium at 9 A. M. and 1:30 P. M.

Among the speakers coming from the outside are: Dr. Ambrose Suhrie, Head of Department for Normal and Teachers Colleges, School of Education New York University. To many, Dr. Suhrie is well known having visited Castleton many times in past years. Others on the program include Mr. Ambrose Gilligan, Physical Education Instructor at Whitehall High School; Mrs. Alice Coutts Aldrich, State Director of Health and Physical Education; Hon. Francis Bailey, State Commissioner of Education and Mrs. Merrill Proctor, new member of the State Board of Education and Mr. Bert Stafford, Chairman of the Board.

Following the general session in the morning, section conferences will be conducted in the auditorium, library and the old Chapel building, Guidance through the Fine Arts is the theme of the upper school, Guidance through reading that of the lower grades and guidance through health and recreation will be considered for the rural school.

The present officers of the Castleton Conference are President, Miss Helen Van Guilder, Poultney; Vice President, Miss Mary A. Markham, Castleton; Secretary, Miss Virginia Belden, Proctor; Treasurer, Supt. John W. Urquhart, Pittsford; Executive Committee, Miss Gertrude McKenna, Fair Haven; Supt. F. W. Wallace, Poultney; and Supt. Donald Miner, Orwell.

ZONA GALE, PULITZER PRIZE WINNER DIES

Mrs. Zona Gale Breese, novelist well-known for her portrayal of life in small midwestern towns died December 26 in Passavant Memorial Hospital.

Miss Gale's contributions to literature have been steady and varied, consisting of verse, plays, short stories, essays, and novels. "Miss Lulu Bett" in 1920 won the esteem of the reading public and in 1921 was presented in dramatic form and received the Pulitzer Prize as the best play of the preceding year.

Zona Gale was able to move with an oncoming generation, and to portray a changing outlook on life far better than many of her contemporaries. Other books of Miss Gale's to receive serious attention were "Faint Perfume" and "Preface to Life." Many critics felt "Preface to Life" her most mature longer work.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL?

"The leaders of tomorrow are growing up in the homes of the working class today." This is a comforting statement to those concerned with the future of democracy, and it comes from good authority—the Public Affairs Committee of the State of New York which periodically issues pamphlets dealing with the social and political problems of our time.

A survey of Pennsylvania high schools, normal schools, colleges, and universities conducted by the committee found that fifty per cent of the best high schools students go to college, the other fifty per cent go to work. Why? Because they don't have the money to go to college.

Eighteen hundred of these high school students had parents who were professional men or women; more than fourteen thousand came from homes of skilled or unskilled laborers. Intelligence is no respecter of class groupings.

In our civilization it is becoming increasingly important to be able to write at least two initials after your name. These boys and girls should now be enrolled in institutions of higher learning.

This committee also made a study of the relative intelligence of college and high school students. It found 350 college seniors, ready for graduation, whose "stock of knowledge" was below that of the average high school graduate.

Today our colleges need to face facts; need to examine the quantity and quality of the work done by their students so that they may justify the purpose of their existence—filling the ranks of educated men. Certainly some way can be found to stop this tremendous waste of human resources; some way to keep a weak economic background from dooming a talented child to mediocracy.

EDUCATIONAL TRENDS

Statistics taken from the Thirtieth Yearbook of the National Society for the Study of Education reveal that on an average only one and one tenth cents of every dollar spent on schools in America is spent for textbooks. Rapid calculation will show that at this rate one must spend nearly two hundred dollars on salaries, operation, equipment, insurance, maintenance and the like for every two dollars set aside for text books.

Undeniably this is the exact opposite of education fifty years ago when textbooks, a stove and a teacher were the requirements for a school.

To anyone planning on entering the teaching profession these figures are of vital importance. The modern school of today strives to widen and enrich the minds of the pupils. The library, the radio, the newspaper, the assembly program, the field trips are all parts of the changing curriculum. No longer are educational leaders satisfied with the teacher who is able only to teach from a textbook staying one chapter ahead of the pupils.

Figures from the past indicate the trend for figures of the future—"be prepared."

THE OTHER MARY

By Martha Langdon

The 'pickpocket' stared thoughtfully at the lighted windows. From within came sounds of laughter and children's voices floating through the crisp December air, proclaiming the arrival of Christmas, with all its enchantment. He shrugged his shoulders, pulled his hat further over his eyes, and walked on.

No, he hadn't always been a pickpocket. In fact, he was not yet one, but he fully intended to be before the night was over. Moodily he let his thoughts wander back to the one room where he had left Mary and the kids; let his mind dwell on that over-crowded room, cold and drab. A fine place in which to spend Christmas! Poor Mary, wiping the tears away as she thought of the empty little stockings, which would still be empty Christmas morning. Yet she never complained of her own hard lot. What kind of a father was he anyway? Why he couldn't even provide food and clothing for his family, let alone Christmas presents.

Well, he'd show them. Tonight many rich people would go to church. Their pockets would be full of bills, and circumstances would force them to share with him, whose pockets were empty.

His footsteps had brought him to the doors of an old, old church. The stained glass windows threw a radiance over the snow outside. Strains of "Silent Night, Holy Night" came from the huge organ, as the door opened to let in the worshippers.

Ironical thought that wealth and pickpocket should enter together, the one to kneel, the other to pilfer.

His cautious eyes spotted a prospect, whom he followed to a pew near the front. Already the service had begun. There was no time to lose. The man had his hands clasped and his head bowed in adoration. Stealthily Joe's hand moved toward his neighbor's pocket; gently it lifted the flap and dropped in. Change! He frowned as his fingers closed over something metallic. But then, change would buy oranges and candy for Tommy and Nick. Cautiously he focused his burning eyes on his clasped hand; pent-up tears welled forth as he gazed at the Rosary beads crushed between his fingers.

"Oh, God, forgive me," he whispered. And again his mind wandered to Mary, the first Mary, who had only a stable for her Babe on Christmas Eve. Neither had she presents for him, yet wonderful gifts were brought him by others and Mary was content. Were his children any dearer to him than the Infant Jesus had been to Mary? And yet he had been going to pick pockets for his babies. Who knew what might happen before Christmas Day was over. Somehow he felt sure something would—and then a strange thing happened. Just as the choir voices burst into "Adeste Fidelis," he looked at the statue of Mary. She distinctly smiled on him, filling his soul with peace, and he went home to the other Mary, empty-handed but with a heart bursting with faith in a Divine Providence.

Hundreds can talk to one who can think; thousands can think to one who can see.

—Ruskin.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

By Barbara Jones

"This," the young man mused, aloud, "is Christmas." Glancing at this small, not too clean room he was struck by the skimpiness of it. Not in keeping with the Christmas Spirit—the lavishness of lights and the wholesale waste that go to make Christmas. This room with its meagre furnishings, its smell of food fried over the gas jet was very "anti-holiday," he decided. But what can a man expect for \$1.50 a week and God knows a factory worker on \$8.50 a week can't afford any more for a room. Some different than last year though. Last Christmas—where'd he been? Oh—that big hotel in Philly. That was when the Boss had been in trouble—serious trouble. So serious in fact that some other sap had "fried" for it.

Let's see—oh yes! He'd been a "valet." First and last time he'd filled that capacity. His job had been to keep the Boss under cover. All that day they'd hibernated but they'd had the best turkey dinner the hotel afforded sent up. He remembered the mock serious way in which he'd served the Boss—and how the Boss had sworn at him! But it was all right—he'd stood in with him. Well why not? Hadn't the Boss picked him off the street as a gawky kid and moulded him to his own liking?

But that was a year ago—he hadn't met Jean then. Had he? No—it was the next month—when the Boss was relaxing a little—not quite so "cop" shy and he'd gotten the habit of going to the corner drug store where she worked. God, what a lucky guy he was to have her! How a girl like that could love a "gang-man." It was crazy—but who was he to reject a gift of the gods? After all he'd had very few.

He stood up from his chair and tightened an already unusually small belt up one notch. Well, he certainly could do justice to a hotel dinner today, he thought. Nice to go back a year and eat that dinner with the Boss—well, no, but with him, since the last time they'd met the Boss had said he'd kill him. The Boss had said, "Joe—you know too much ever to quit this racket, and I have a decided hating for blackmailers or stool pigeons—if you get what I mean." Yeah, the Boss just couldn't see his point of view. Well, he couldn't have himself without Jean.

That was six months ago—six months since he had run out to New York and got a job in the factory. Six months of getting up at five and working a long hard day. But it was O. K. once you got used to working with your back to another man and not packing a gun. What were some of the things Jean had written that had helped? Oh, "You must have faith in people, darling. Some day when we're married I might turn around and find you had me covered!" His Jean—too bad the Boss hadn't found someone like her 20 years ago.

Joe walked to the window, the view from which was obstructed by the steel girders of the elevated. Quiet; on the ground was a dirty brown slush and the sky looked like more snow. "I suppose," he said, "that every couple in the world are together today—except Jean and me."

A knock at the door interrupted his
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STUDENT OPINIONS

Do you favor an increase in the national budget to provide for a rearmament program?

There are only two reasons why a nation rearms; one is for protection, and the other is to create an artificial prosperity. The government has partially failed in creating a prosperity by artificial means so it is now following the example of dictator nations by adopting the rearmament program to create an artificial prosperity which when once started can not be continued or stopped without disastrous effects.

—Bernard Odell.

I feel that we should rearm for our national protection as that is one of the best ways to keep ourselves out of war. Upon considering our position in the world, this plan for rearmament would greatly aid us in maintaining our national integrity.

—V. E. B.

Statements issued by persons experienced and well informed would certainly lead one to believe that our present condition of armaments is rather inadequate. To cope with those of certain other powers whose financial condition is similar to or worse than ours. I am much in favor of the rearmament policy.

—Edward Fish.

I am wholly in favor of an increase in the national budget to provide for a rearmament program which will make the United States a secure democracy. In view of the latest developments in Europe, we must at least parallel the rearmament plans of other nations.

—Marie Doe McPhetres.

Personally I am not in favor of an increase in the national budget for the rearmament policy. Rearmament to any extent only means war. If, after building up a stronger military force, the material is not used, it means a tremendous waste. After we rearm, we're already for war and with the aid of a little propaganda, this rearmament would be a stepping stone to war and disaster. Another reason in disfavor this policy of rearmament is that this increase would undoubtedly come through taxation. Then the American people would be paying for their own destruction.

American policy is for peace but peace cannot come through preparation for war!

—Kay Temple.

It is absurd to think that any country will attack the United States. No foreign country has equipment sufficient to transport enough men for a war in the United States. Many people think a foreign country might use South America as a base of attack. This would be strange as it is only 4000 miles from Europe to New York while it is 7000 miles from Europe to South America and 5000 miles from South America to New York. They say "the longest way around is the shortest way home" but not so in this case. Therefore rearmament is not needed for defense. We all hope and don't know any reason why the United States should

AN INTERVIEW WITH
PHYLLIS BENTLEY

At the early age of six Miss Bentley started on her way to becoming the noted English novelist she is today. In honor of her father's birthday she wrote a short poem entitled "Volcano."

She plans to begin a new novel in the spring on her return to England. With the aid of a diary, Miss Bentley collects material for her work. Possessing an active interest in the events of the lives of others she admits that collecting data has become an unconscious act. "One's mind is like a caldron; things are thrown in which cause it to effervesce."

This experienced author claims to have received equal enjoyment from each novel as she wrote it. Her favorite characters are Joe Banforth in "Inheritance" and Brutus in "Freedom, Farewell." She insists, however, that "The essential factor of any real novelist is the ability to sympathize with all characters."

In listing the foremost modern English novelists, Miss Bentley includes: Virginia Woolf, Aldous Huxley, Charles Morgan, and Elizabeth Bowen.

She states emphatically her belief that a new phase in novel writing is to be brought about soon, caused by the depression. The emphasis will shift from economic problems to political consideration.

Her third visit to the United States leaves this British writer with the definite impression that Americans are more carefree than the English and react more quickly to situations.

The impression that Miss Bentley leaves on her audiences in America is that she is rightly classed as one of the foremost English novelists of today.

SENIORS OBSERVE
SILK-MAKING PROCESS
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cesses of dyeing, combing, brushing, coiling, twisting, and winding. Each process was found to furnish its own smell, noise and room temperature.

The superintendent of the factory acted as guide explained the various steps and answered the many questions shouted to him above the din of machinery by the visitors.

This is one of a series of trips intended to acquaint students with industrial processes.

participate in a foreign war on foreign soil. Really it's none of our business how they behave as long as they stay home. As long as we have equipment enough to protect our possessions we need no increase in the national budget to provide for a rearmament program.

—Charles Nichols.

Preparedness and strength lie at the base of international esteem and good will when these are used only as defensive weapons. An aggressive use of power leads to world-wide fear and disrespect. Our governmental policy has tended toward the improvement of domestic affairs, and from this, and in the light of our past costly experience we are justified in thinking that increased rearmament will lead toward advancement of faith and honor among our neighbor nations.

—George Young.

WHEN TO SKATE?

Skating will become a lost art at C. N. S. unless "Old Man Winter" comes to our rescue with a taste of his very best wares. This is the opinion of Mr. Albert Dauphin, genial manager of the college skating rink.

Al, who is ably assisted by Mary Eleanor Hunt has some novel plans for the skating season if he can only find some ice to help put them into effect. He and Miss Hunt plan to conduct classes in the delicate art for all novices, supplemented by a series of skating parties.

Has anyone ever seen a hockey game played by members of the fairer sex? It should be a rare treat and it is listed on the calendar of coming events, possibly for the Winter Carnival.

SOPHS GIVE PROOF
OF THE PUDDING

As the culmination of a semester's study of food preparation and serving, Sophomores enrolled in classes in hospitality are demonstrating their ability by entertaining at a series of small dinner parties.

Each dinner is prepared by two girls and served by them to four guests. Menu planning, budgeting of money and time, table decoration and the art of acting as hostesses are included in the demonstrations.

Members of the classes who are enjoying these dinners are: Alice Hamilton, Hannah Hart, Marjorie Dix, Katherine Coutermarsh, Helen Durant, Edith Baker, Pauline Hinckley, Dora Hager, Charlena Thomas, Naomi Myrick, Barbara Slack, Marjorie Park, Yvonne Lang, Amelia Young, Edith Senecal, Helen Knutson, Mary Zelazny and Ruth Seabury.

Faculty members are among the recipients of these courtesies and report many evidences of artistic table arrangement and decorations, delicious food combinations and decided skill and charm in gracious entertaining.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT
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dull reverie. "Who can that be?" his mind flashed, but instantly the doubt was replaced by a mental image of Jean. Of course! In her last letter she'd said, "Please don't skimp on yourself to get me a Christmas gift—just send me some little remembrance so I'll get it Christmas Day—and I'll send you something too—so we'll each feel the other's presence, even while we're so far apart." Of course, he'd had to get her something nice—a little gold locket with her initials on it. Maybe she had it on now.

Already he'd opened the door and saw a messenger boy bearing a medium sized package. He signed for it and brought it into the room. Placing it on the table he reflected that he'd have to tell Jean about his doubt at the door and how it had lasted only a minute. He was improving. Yes, the postmark was Philadelphia. He wondered what was in the package—Jean had never given him a gift before. What would she choose?

Inside the box, a time-bomb fulfilled its fate, exploding and leaving the room a shattered shell full of smoke. Joe never

INTERESTING FRESHMEN

Miss Elizabeth Heffernan, of North Springfield, graduated from North Springfield Graded School and from Springfield High School. "Liz" likes to ride horseback, to ride in a car, to swim, to skate, to dance and to run around, as she calls it. Lizzie enjoys talking to Fair Haven boys especially, and loves to argue about Communism. Miss Heffernan wants to teach the third and fourth grades in a graded school. Her ambition is to be a very successful teacher—or a good wife! She sold the most Rutland Herald's in the Rutland Herald Campaign and was champion speller of the Springfield High School Spelling Team until she went to Windsor and was beaten!

Ginnie Moore, 'born and bred' in Brighton, Massachusetts, says her ambition is to be a marvelous wife. She likes to pet (animals), play the piano, sing, and to be taught to do new things. Virginis likes the boys and girls here at C. N. S. because they are so friendly and interesting.

From Mount Vernon, New York, comes Barbara Phillips, who was born on April Fools Day in New London, Connecticut. She attended Lincoln School, William Wilson Junior High School, and A. B. Davis High School in Mount Vernon. Her ambition is to be "the best teacher ever," as is the wish of so many other Castletonites. Barb enjoys people better than anything else, because they change every hour, react to situations so differently, and keep her amused. Hayrides are her specialty and so are good books!

From Lexington, Massachusetts comes Yohanna Karlson, nicknamed "Jo" by her friends, who is interested in teaching, the radio, and Clark Gable. Her favorite pastime is playing cards, and she can take over any person in the dormitory at playing "500." This is a broad statement, but Jo can back it up. Her favorite color is pea-green, and her favorite song is "Minnie, the Moocher." She does not like to do things that she doesn't like, and nine times out of ten, she won't do anything. Jo attended Athens North School, Lexington Junior High, and Lexington High School, where she was on the honor role. Jo's ambition is to be a hot blues singer! More power to you, Jo!

RECENT ACCESSIONS
TO THE LIBRARY

Bentley, Phyllis	Freedom, farewell!
	Inheritance
	Sleep in peace
Chase, Mary Ellen	Dawn in Lyonesse
Priestley, J. B.	Midnight on the desert
Lips, Eva	Savage symphony
Mann, Thomas	Joseph in Egypt
London, Jack	Sea Wolf
	Valley of the moon
Sping, Howard	My son, my son!
Ostenso, Martha	Wild geese
Mitchell, Margaret	Gone with the wind
Sedguick, Anne D.	Little French girl
Galsworthy, John	Forsyte saga

did get to read the card inside the package which read, "Merry Christmas from the Boss."

THE BIRDSEYE SPORTS

BREVITIES

The newly elected officers of the C. N. S. Players are Mary Dakin, president; Albert Dauphin, vice-president; and Helen Durant, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. White of the Extension Service of the University of Vermont was the guest of Miss Holmes for a day last week.

Santa Claus seems to have been radio-conscious this Christmas, for the number of radios in Leavenworth Hall has increased almost two-fold.

Florence Chase is back with us after being ill at her home in Wallingford.

Dr. Woodruff was in Burlington a short while ago to attend a meeting of the principals of the normal schools of this state.

At the latest meeting of the Rural Club, Beatrice Taylor and Norma Rowell discussed with the members some of their experiences as beginning teachers.

Martha Stepanian enjoyed a performance of Verdi's "Aida" while in New York during vacation.

During vacation faculty and students were very much scattered. Dr. Woodruff was in Castleton for a time, and then in New York. Miss Black and Miss Morrill divided their time between Boston, Providence, and New York, while Miss Markham spent part of her vacation in Montreal. Miss Ewald traveled all the way to Illinois for her Christmas. Among the students who spent part of their vacations out of the state are Al Henebry, who was in Waterbury, Conn.; Ferol Keech, who visited in New York; Marjorie Park, who visited in both Mendon and Springfield, Mass.; Alice Carpentier, who was in Hartford, Conn.; and Barbara Jones, who was in Providence, R. I.

Laura Curtis, a former C. N. S. student, is to get her degree from the University of Cincinnati next June. Her course of study for this year consists of Advanced History, Psychology, a study of Shakespeare, Modern European Drama, Ethics, and a course in Education.

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CASTLETON WINS FROM PLYMOUTH

On Dec. 10 the Castleton Cagers again returned to the victory trail by the close count of 33-28 in a game with the Plymouth five. Castleton flashed a smooth passing attack early in the game and piled up a score that was never topped by the Plymouth quintet. The first quarter was a battle of defenses and at the end of the ten minutes Castleton had got off to a 4-3 lead. In the second quarter the Greenies found the range and scored fifteen points while the Castleton defense was air tight and limited the Plymouth offense to a single point. Leading 19-4 at the half Castleton seemed to have a safe lead, but the Plymouth five had different ideas. At the opening of the last half the Castleton offense bogged down, and the Plymouth team got hot. At the end of the quarter Plymouth had narrowed the gap to seven points. The New Hampshire tried to snatch the Castleton victory in the final stanza, but the Green and White had plenty of reserve power and matched the Plymouth team basket for basket. The final whistle found Castleton on the long end of a 33-28 total. Nichols with thirteen points led the Castleton offensive. Herbert and Campbell were Plymouth's best.

This week Coach Fox announced the remainder of the Castleton schedule. February 11 Castleton travels to Lyndon for a game with Lyndon Normal. February 20 the Castleton five journeys to Danbury for a return engagement with the Nutmeggers. The final game of the season, March 4th finds Castleton meeting Lyndon on the home court. The games with Scena College of Albany have been cancelled. The games with Lyndon might be termed the State Normal School championship as these are the only schools represented by basketball squads.

GOOD SPORTS

Winter means snow, and snow means a winter carnival! Once that snow arrives (a lot of it) we shall have some fun. Skiing, skating, sliding, barrel-staving, and card-boarding (very sorry, if you can't follow me), relaying, racing, bonfiring, dancing, hunting (not bears), scavenging, and what more do you want? Oh yes, eating, I should say refreshment. (You won't find these words in the dictionary, but they do serve their purpose, don't they?)

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You've heard of a law of uniformity for words called parallelism, I think, well, that's what I tried out.) When the snow carnival arrives, if some snow does, everyone will have to attend or else he or she will have to pay a penalty that is a secret.

Don't miss the crowning of the "king" and "queen" of all things, for you may be the one to be crowned. What would happen then; I can't crown myself very well, or can I?

The carnival is in the hands of that able and competent person, "Kay" Temple, with a co-helper, "Bill" Jones. Their committee consists of Alfred Henebry, Elizabeth Heffernan, George Weaver, Helen Durant, Marion Drown, and Olav Taffs. They assure you that the carnival will be highly entertaining for everyone—those watching and those doing. We want everyone in the "doing" class, if you don't mind.

Of course there are other things happening in the line of muscle-building at Castleton. A most interesting game of basketball initiated the upper-classmen to the techniques of the Freshmen. The Junior girls and the Freshmen girls "fell to" and here are the results: Juniors 15, Freshmen 20. Hurray for the newcomers! Mary Dwyer and Mary Durkee were outstanding Freshmen players, with Marion Drown doing her bit for the Juniors. The next game (for this is an inter-class tournament) will be between the Sophomores and Juniors.

Another tournament of interest coming up is that in table tennis or just Ping-Pong (I think Ping-Pong sounds more like the name of it, don't you?) The secret of this game is to watch the playing couples, girls and boys, distract the ones you want to lose, and there, you have the winner!

That little snow flurry that just passed covered the ground almost enough for favorable skiing here in the valley. Nevertheless what an enormous number of ski enthusiasts we have here. They even distract me from my classes; how can one listen to what Rousseau, Hitler, or Thorndike advocates, when someone is being taught the Christiana-steve turn on that steep incline out front of the school? I always know how those first attempts end and it is so much more captivating than the printed pages of philosophies. Skis are arriving day and night and filling up the sports room to capacity. Only two more pairs can be squeezed in so hurry and find a parking space for yours. No, there's no time limit there—except four years, I believe.

The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well, and doing well whatever you do, without a thought of fame.

—Longfellow.

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ALUMNI

1928—Katherine Burt is enjoying her work as teacher in the State School at Brandon.

1929—Helen MacDonald is attending Houghton College, N. Y.

1930—Mrs. Palmer, the former Marjorie Follanslee resides in Brooklyn.

Miss Ruth Gilbert of Dorset is spending the winter with her brother Frank at the Bon Air Hotel in Augusta, Fla.

1932—Edna Mayhew is teaching the first and second grades in Brattleboro. Miss Barbara Kellogg of Benson wedded Dow Bailey. After a short wedding trip to Canada they will make their home in Rochester where Mr. Bailey is employed by the W. H. Campbell Co.

1933—Stella Frankiewicz is teaching the Sunnyside school in Mendon. Previous to this year she taught in Danby and Sudbury.

This is Rosemary Humphrey's second year of teaching in grades 1 and 2 in Florence.

Florence Mullins who attended Boston University last year is now teaching an intermediate grade in Belmont, Mass.

Margaret MacLeod McKearin teaches in a rural school in North Rupert. Every pupil of Mrs. McKearin's school worked on a sewing kit, which was a miniature spinning wheel standing on the tiniest of braided rugs. The unit was an appreciation presented by the way of the Christmas tree to the Misses Ellen and Janie Leach, Patronesses of North Rupert P. T. A.

1934—Florence White is teaching in Hartford, Vt.

Elsie Johnson resigned her position at North Springfield a few weeks ago and Jan. 1st married Leslie Martin. Both are from Rochester. They will make their home on Maple Hill where Mr. Martin is employed.

1937—Helen Wilson is teaching in Danby.

1938—Adriel Sheldon is teaching a rural school in Pittsford.

Roger Blood from Stamford is teaching in Plainfield.

Ethel Wheeler, of the class of '38 has announced her engagement to Roger Blood of the same class. Ethel is now teaching in East Barre. No definite date has been set for the wedding.

1939—Among the Alumni seen at the Sophomore Dance were: Jean Adams, Dennis Stevens, Bob Lorette, Joe Sanders, Clara Loveland, Gerald Gibbs, Agnes Larkin, and David Offensend.

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Collegiate Dance To Be Sponsored By Men's Union

An "All American College Dance" is to be presented in the school auditorium Saturday evening, February 18th with the members of Castleton Normal's only exclusively masculine society, the Men's Union acting as hosts.

Burns Martin's five-piece orchestra from West Rutland is to furnish the music which will be plentifully sprinkled with the more colorful college tunes.

The committee in charge of decorations and theme elaboration is headed by capable Margaret Paige with Stanley Offensend and Olav Taffs assisting. The interesting features to be incorporated into the decorating scheme are being kept secret but (pre-dance peek) a good many college banners are being carefully collected.

Chairman Stanley Offensend, Francis Moriarity, James Steele, Al Royce and Al Dauphin comprise the general committee which also has charge of the refreshments.

Alumni and many former members of the Men's Union will return to greet their student friends on this occasion.

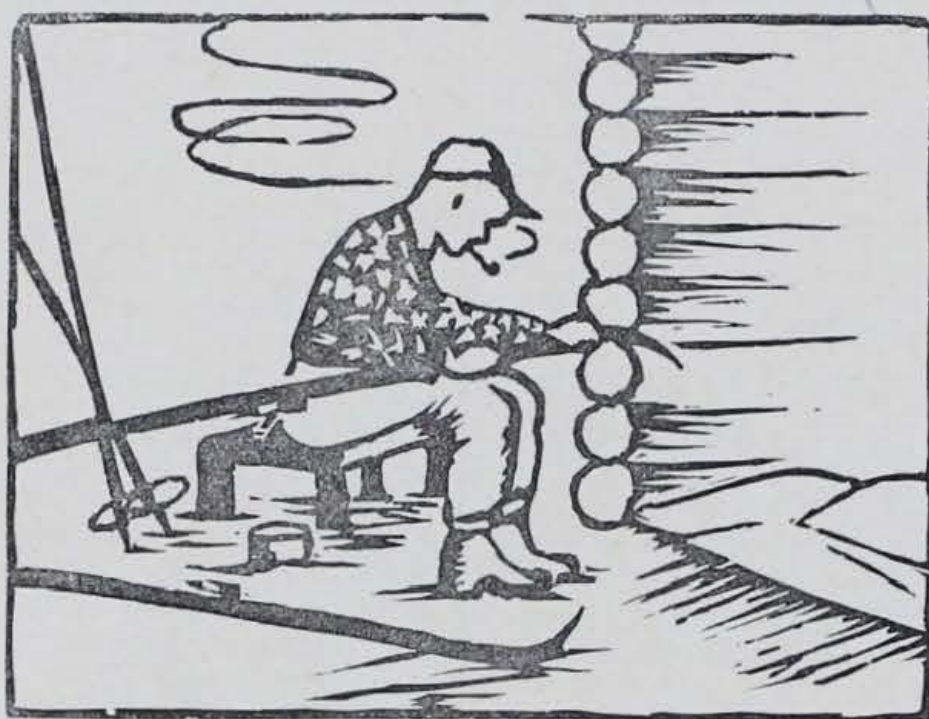
MID-VERMONT ARTISTS EXHIBIT AT RUTLAND

A most delightful art exhibit was held at the Rutland Library by the Mid-Vermont artists. This display of beautiful paintings was a great success and enjoyed a large attendance from all walks of life. This was the first exhibition of Mid-Vermont artists associations.

The paintings showed rare ability among our Vermont artists, a keen sense of composition, beautiful color and a knowledge of character life in the country.

A striking crayon study of a tree form with a gnarled, strong and weather beaten tree done in shades of brown with a background of greyed purple and blues with roots on graduations of browns to red was outstanding.

Much praise was given to several artists including: Katherine Beamen of Rutland whose "Still Life" and "Trees" showed great ability and promise. "Peter the Cook," by Mrs. Clara Ward Reynolds was one that drew much attention. Horace Brown's paintings of "Weathered Hills" and "Spring Brook" were the cause of much comment.



Balokovic To Appear With Vt. Symphony

We eagerly await the second subscription concert of the Vermont Symphony orchestra which is to be heard on Friday night, February 17 in the Memorial Armory at Rutland.

The symphony will be under the baton of Alan Carter. He will conduct his orchestra in the entire Tchaikowsky Fourth Symphony and Johannes Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 5.

The guest artist for the evening will be Zlatko Balokovic, outstanding Yugoslav violinist, who has just returned from a successful concert tour of Europe and is now making his American debut. He will also appear with the Boston Symphony orchestra on March 3 and 4.

Balokovic plays with the Mendelssohn's violin concertos with the orchestra and the Leibeslied of Kreisler.

R. L. SWANN ADDRESSES THE RURAL CLUB

The Rural Club was fortunate in having Mr. R. L. Swann of the Personnel Department of Green Mountain Junior College speak at their regular meeting, Wednesday, February 1st.

Dr. Swann described the procedure of recording the voices of the students at the college. A record of each student's voice is made when they enter the college and when they leave. Much work in personality is being done at Green Mountain.

Many of the students at C. N. S. were given the opportunity to have their voices recorded. This was a real experience for the majority of them.

Birdseye Presents "Variety Show"

Before an enthusiastic audience the Birdseye staff presented its "Variety Show" on the evening of February 14th in the school auditorium.

Vocal, piano, harmonica and guitar music with Paul Hatch, Virginia Moore, Al Dauphin, Mildred Simpson and Sylvia Fenn, Edith Senecal and Bessie Toth as artists was appreciatively received.

Marjorie Dix, Shirley Knapp and Bernard Howley entertained with tap dancing; while Yvonne Lang delighted the audience with her interpretive dancing.

Readings from the work of Oscar Wilde was rendered by Olav Taffs. Marie McPhetres and Marjorie Tyler appeared in two very clever monologues.

A skit dramatizing the career of that renowned character of fiction, Ferdinand the Bull brought the entertainment to a successful closing.

Barbara Phillips acted as general chairman for the affair. Publicity was handled by Laura Williams, business by Elizabeth Heffernan while the refreshment committee was headed by Ruth Seabury.

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Arrangements are being made for the purchase of a moving picture projector equipped with sound reproduction by the Fair Haven P.T.A., Teachers, and School Boards.

In addition to restandardizing the Meadowbrook School, the Castleton School Board and P.T.A. with the cooperation of the W.P.A. are adding a kitchenette to the building.

Guidance Featured At 18th Annual C.N.S. Conference

With the rap of the gavel made from wood given by the late President Coolidge, Mrs. Helen Van Guilder, President of the Southern Vermont Elementary Council, called to order a capacity audience of over 450 educators at the annual session, Friday, February 3.

The theme, "Building Citizenship Through a Guidance Program" was developed by the various speakers. Dr. Ambrose Suhrie of New York University spoke on "The Spirit Quickeneth" stressing the need of a strengthened spirit in the school. The importance of a scientific approach to understanding the child before guidance can be undertaken intelligently was the message of Dr. Kate Wofford of State Teachers' College, Buffalo, New York.

Miss Mary Markham, music instructor at the Normal School was elected president; Superintendent S. D. Miner of Orwell, vice-president; Miss Virginia Belden of Proctor, secretary; Superintendent John W. Urquhart of Pittsford, treasurer. Mrs. Helen Van Guilder, Miss Gertrude McKenna, and Superintendent Frederick W. Wallace of Poultney were appointed to executive committee.

Following the election of officers, the assembly broke up into group conferences. Miss Florence Fisher of Burlington led the discussion of the Early Elementary Group. A demonstration, showing lessons, was given (continued on page two)

NEW STUDENTS JOIN UPPER CLASSES

A number of new faces appeared at school since the beginning of the new semester, consequently the Junior and Senior classes have been enlarged. In the Junior class we have Miss Viola Burns, the second grade teacher in the Rutland, Longfellow School, Mrs. William Cassidy of Rutland, and Miss Margaret Garneau of Fair Haven, all who are part-time students. Miss Julia Higgins, also a Junior member from West Rutland, will be here as a full time student. The Senior class welcomes its new members also: Miss Gertrude McKenna, the fifth grade teacher of the Fair Haven Graded School, a part-time student; and Miss Faoline Colby, a full-time special student from Poultney and who is also a graduate from the New England Conservatory of Music.

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A MODERN AESOP

Once there was a king who had prepared in his palatial mansion a grand banquet. Appetizing odors of the choice foods pervaded the whole house; strains of musical instruments delighted the ear, the gorgeous furniture was a joy to the eye. Down in the courtyard stood a horse, calmly munching his hay; the sounds and odors floating from the palace aroused no longing in the horse, who continued to eat the hay with keen relish. The servants thought they would like a little joke, and placed soup, roast meat, and vegetables before the animal; however he thrust them all aside and went on eating the hay.

Certainly no one can wonder at this horse's refusal to eat meat in preference to hay since it is his nature to do this, but there are human beings in our country, and unfortunately they are very numerous, who, like this horse, munch their hay and oats, instead of cultivating an appetite for better foods. This is especially true in regard to the type of literature Americans choose to read in their leisure time.

There are at present 421 periodicals in the United States which deal chiefly with the publication of fact and fiction which have an appeal only to the lowest animal instincts in the human being. Add to these the innumerable books, magazines and newspapers which glorify crime; and the more numerous collection, which while they do no particular harm, can only be classified as "pathetically weak."

Canada and Australia have found it necessary to ban more than a hundred periodicals originating in this country. Mr. James Douglass in the London Sunday Press says: "I have read some American best sellers which no English publisher would touch with a pair of tongs." However censorship is not compatible with our idea of democracy.

As educators we need to face the fact that America leads the world in the production of printed filth and that the solution is no over-night process. It is our privilege as teachers to inspire fine living and how better can this be done than through building an appreciation and hunger for the beauty and power of good literature. We need to lay stress on the building of an intelligent thinking nation—not one which vainly boast of its "good common horse sense."

GOSSIP

How the merry devil of education must laugh when he views the unhappiness of individuals, maligned victims of unjust judgments and poisoned arrows of gossip. When significant psychological terms are of necessity brought to light in the name of higher education, unfounded rumor is rife and mud slinging, whispering campaigns are instigated. The prompt misappliance of these words leads to two possible conclusions: either the perpetrator of harmful gossip is a scientist at heart and is therefore perfectly willing to subject his victim to the exquisite torture of vivisection by slashing his character to pieces before his eyes, or he is entirely too intelligent to be marking time within the walls of this humble institution, else how could he cover all his assignments satisfactorily, get enough recreation and plenty of sleep, and still find time to do this extra-curricula tongue wagging?

Before becoming a party to such activity, would it not be well to ponder on these thoughts? The wrong of injustice is deep, clear and absolute. Ignoring the pain of a thoughtless word or petty act of malice does not wipe out the scar that is left. Are you willing to grow small and mean in order to satisfy a personal enmity or jealousy? Are you willing to ignore the Golden Rule? Will you not Stop, Look and Refuse to Listen?

MARKS!

With the passing of the first semester the concern of the student body centers around scholastic ratings as determined by the semi-annual report card. Here at Castleton a student is rated superior, excellent, fair, poor or failing in each subject on his program.

These marks mean that some students will be spurred on to work harder this second semester, others will retreat to easier sailing, a few will crab and another mere few will continue to maintain a high level. Marks should be, to be sure, less worthy of concern than the development of personality, character, study habits and teaching techniques, yet they still have a place in the program for prospective teachers. What students here at Castleton accomplish will reflect in a proportionate amount in future teaching. Faulty work habits, unprofessional attitudes, personal prejudices and lack of interest will creep into this future work if they are acquired now and are so tolerated by the individual mind. What you make up your mind to accomplish as a student at Castleton for two, three or four years will be a measure of what you will expect from pupils as citizens of your school.

GUIDANCE FEATURED AT 18TH ANNUAL C. N. S. CONFERENCE

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by the children of the Castleton School.

In The Later Elementary Group "The Fine Arts in a Guidance Program" was stressed. Music as the inherent right of each child was presented by Mrs. Jessie Bogue of Green Mountain Junior College. Mr. Pierre Zwick, State Director of Federal Arts, discussed painting as the expression of one's thoughts and feelings. Literature as the means of building an understanding of the American way of living was ably developed by Mrs. L. Mabel Morrill of Rutland High School.

The Rural program featured physical education led by Miss Edith Ewald of the Normal School with children from Castleton Corners School, a talk on community recreation by Mr. Ambrose Gilligan of Whitehall, and moving pictures on posture and digestion given by Superintendent Donald S. Miner of Orwell.

Among the other speakers were: Commissioner Bailey of Montpelier, Mrs. Merrill Proctor, newly appointed member of the State Board of Education and a worker in the Vermont Federation of Womens' Clubs. Greetings were extended by Dr. Caroline S. Woodruff and the President of the Elementary Council.

Paul Hatch and Olav Taffs supplemented the music of the choir and orchestra.

TRAILS AROUND TOWN

"I think I cannot preserve my health and spirits unless I spend four hours a day at least—and it is commonly more than that—sauntering through the woods and over the hills and fields absolutely free from all worldly engagements."

Perhaps few of us could find time or would take care to go in for walking as intensively as Thoreau—yet I cannot help feeling that many of us are missing a great experience by neglecting it almost entirely.

Unfortunately, a walk at this period of the year usually denotes a swift descent to the diner and back. It is positively amazing to see what great numbers fervently follow this thrice daily ritual. I, too, am one . . . Occasionally one sees a few hardy souls flaunting themselves in the face of the wind, valiantly plodding through a few inches of snow to the other end of the village.

Walking, to a true lover of the pastime, is not confined to strolling across daisy covered meadows or autumn fairylands. It is for all seasons and at all hours. And let me often repeat: walking has many more values than a decreased waist-line.

For the benefit of you hardy enthusiasts, several trails have lately been marked out under the auspices of the N. Y. A.

Just to the north of the town, near what is known as the Brown Farm, there remains a well preserved section of the famous old military trail. It is locally known as the old Courderoy road because of the many embedded logs in several swampy sections. It leads with little deviation to Lake Bomoseen, a distance of about two and a half miles. It is a section of the famous old trail to Mount Independence, just across from Fort Ti. This old trail has been changed little from times past when it often felt the feet of Allen and the "Boys." It is, I believe, the course taken by Allen's party when they made the memorable Fort Ti conquest.

I especially recommend it after a snowfall. There are a few of us left who will always remember a hike along this white fairyland of pine bordered trail. Now that it is well marked, you may be sure of reaching the lake in at least an hour and a half.

Hookers Ledge has come into great popularity during the past two years. And yet it is almost completely unvisited during the winter months of greatest beauty. Those of you, familiar with the trail through the woods can well imagine what a snowfall is able to make of the hemlock forest, and far-reaching pine covered meadows. And if you have not stood on the Ledge in the white silence of the late afternoon to look out over the snow-covered conifers, you have missed the best walking experience to be found in this vicinity. Birdseye is not even in the running!

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STUDENT POLL

Do You Believe We Should Have Sunday Movies In Vermont?

I favor Sunday movies because it keeps the money in the State, that we know is going into the adjoining states on Sundays. The Sunday movies help to keep the family together in that they can all attend the movies together on that day. The movies now are usually of some cultural value and those who could not attend them outside the state could now attend them in their own state and thus become a little more cultured.

—A. M. V.

I think we should have Sunday movies. They would keep children off the streets. There are some children that are accustomed to going to the movies nearly every night and when Sunday night comes they do not know what to do. The movies on Sunday would not have to be wild and woolly nor need they be directly opposite, but it could be a good picture and still be interesting.

—Shirley Brown

In spite of the many arguments for Sunday movies, I am profoundly convinced that we should not have them. Other states have them—but, recent elections show Vermont to be different and unusual. Vermont has a reputation for being more or less puritanical. There are less desirable Sabbath amusements to be found. Yet, with all the available recreational facilities in Vermont can we not leave one day a week free from crowded theaters? Why not crowd the Churches instead?

—B. M. C.

I see no reason for not having Sunday movies provided those shown are of an unobjectionable nature. As far as I can see they can be put in the same category as other amusements or recreations indulged in on Sunday, namely, golf, tennis, ball-games, motoring, and the like.

—K. Coutermarsh.

I can personally see no harm in attending movies on Sunday nights. I do, however, think that it should be an educational type of picture. If the pictures were chosen with this in mind a young person attending would gain much more than he would by spending the evening riding around in a car. The public does not object to sports on Sunday, and why should they to movie attendance? I can see no difference, for sports give good exercise while movies are educational.

—M. W.

A great many people from other parts of United States come to Vermont because of its peaceful, restful surroundings. The quaint "old fashionedness" of our state intrigues them. One of the most intriguing phases of Vermont life is the religious fervor with which we keep the Sabbath, using it as a day apart from all others in which we catch our breath and collect our thoughts.

VERMONT SKIING IDEAL

"All Vermont a Winter Playground" is a phrase which well describes our state. No town in Vermont lacks natural facilities for winter recreation.

Skiing is perhaps the most important sport in Vermont at the present. The outstanding skiing centers are Pico Peak in Rutland, Woodstock, Manchester, Middlebury, Stowe, and Northfield.

Pico Peak is located about 12 miles southeast of Rutland over a plowed road. The ski center includes a stone hut at the elevation of 2300 ft. with club room, canteen and caretaker. A 450-ft. ski tow provides a choice of 1000 ft. of descents from 15 to 35 degrees. There are four trails on Shrewsbury Mt. which are easily reached.

Woodstock is the oldest winter sports center in Vermont and the site of the oldest ski tow in this country. There are thirty open slopes with distances of 800 to 1800 ft., seven of which have tows, exceptional cross-country touring and snowshoeing, ski instruction and lighted skating rink.

Forty miles of trails and 2500 acres of open slopes of varying grades and exposures feature the winter sports facilities at Manchester.

Middlebury is outstanding for its Middlebury College Winter Carnival which is generally held in February. At Middlebury you will find open slopes, trudging trails, snowshoe trails, intermediate and speed trails, slalom courses, skating rinks, toboggan chute and a 30-meter jump which is one of the best in the East.

STATE NORMAL TEACHERS MEET AT BURLINGTON

The value of practice teaching, the factors affecting it, and finding a sufficient number of rural schools which welcome student teachers and are accessible to them, as well as placing the student teachers under carefully trained critic teachers is one of the major problems of teacher training institutions, the faculties of the four state normal schools agreed in conference at Burlington, Jan. 27. Other discussions concerned transportation problems and providing art courses as well as those directly concerned with the 3 R's.

This annual meeting, in charge of Mr. Bailey, State Commissioner of Education, presented as the chief speaker, Miss Fanny W. Dunn, a specialist in elementary education, particularly in the rural school. At the close of the meeting tea was served by Miss Mary Jean Sompson and the faculty and students of the University of Vermont. All faculty members of Castleton Normal were present at the meeting with the exception of Miss Skeeles, who remained in charge of the school.

TO AN IRISH BARD

Ireland has lost a gifted son. William Butler Yeats, poet, dramatist, patriot, died in the little town of Mentone in the south of France at the age of seventy-three. Appreciating his worth, Eire honored him with a state funeral.

John Masefield, poet laureate of England, once described Yeats as "the greatest living poet," and he was undoubtedly possessed of rare genius.

He helped establish the Abbey Theater in Dublin, which has turned out an amazing number of first-rate actors and actresses; he labored to stimulate the intellectual life of Ireland; and he sturdily insisted that the Irish people be permitted to govern themselves. He was the kind of man any nation would be proud to claim.

JUNIOR TEACHING SCHEDULE

Castleton

Grade 1—Marie McPhetres

Grades 2 & 3—Florence Chase

Grades 4 & 5—Amy Mattison, Dorothy Tatrault

Grades 7 & 8—William Jones

North Breton—Mary Prunier

Fair Haven

Main Street 8—Norma Rowell, Bernard O'Dell

Main Street 5—Charles Nichols

Main Street 6—Alfred Henebry

Main Street 3—Mildred Gaines, Lillian Townsend

South Street 5 & 6—Marian Drown

South Street 3 & 4—Martha Stepanian

Scotch Hill—Veronica Brough, Ruth Peterson

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Brookside—Mary Dakin, Barbara Jones

Central—Kathryn Temple, Alice Carpenter

West Haven

Turnpike—Rhoda Lyons, Charles Prunier

Mendon

Sunnyside—Mary Wiggins, Irene Molnar

Rutland

Lincoln 1—Doris Lanthier

Lincoln 5—Charlotte Wyzolmerski

Lincoln 6—Catherine Yaroshak

Longfellow 3—Beatrice Taylor

Longfellow 6—Florence O'Brien

Dana 1—Marjorie Pitts

Dana 2—G. Dwyer

Park Street 1—M. Dwyer

AFRICA SPEAKS

Africa with all its thrilling experiences will be open to the students at Castleton Normal School, when Mrs. Wayne Sarcka arrives on March 7. Mr. and Mrs. Sarcka have spent months in this country and she well knows how to share her experiences with students.

INTERESTING FRESHMEN

Miss Bessie Toth, born in Hubbardston, Vermont has attended schools in Castleton and Fair Haven. Her hobbies include house planning, reading, hiking alone, and her ambition is to teach art. She graduated from Fair Haven High School with high honors, and was the salutatorian of her class. Bessie was the assistant editor of the Slate, the Fair Haven High School paper. Gardening, cutting lawns, and transporting flowers fill her leisure time. She has received recognition for her World's Fair poster; it was first in the school, first in the county, first in southern Vermont, and is now at Burlington where it is being considered for first prize for the state. You Castletonites! Watch Bessie go to the top!

From North Clarendon comes Pearl McMahon who has attended North Clarendon School, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, and Castleton Normal. Pearl enjoys dancing, waving hair, sewing, collecting nature pictures, and friendly people. Her chief aim in life is to be a high school teacher, and that is something!

Marion Preston, of Fair Haven, was awarded a \$100 scholarship to the New England Conservatory of Music when she graduated from Fair Haven High School. Her hobbies include singing, playing the piano, and she enjoys movies and skating once in a while. To quote Marion: "I like Castleton because of its cultural atmosphere, recreational opportunities, and friendly students . . ."

A friend to all of us, Mrs. Harwood joins us from Rupert, Vermont. Known to all for her kindly advice and friendliness, Mrs. Harwood confesses that her hobby is writing poetry. We are proud to have as one of the Freshman class so talented a woman, for Mrs. Harwood has had her poems published in the "Vermont," "Farm Bureau Papers," and "Driftwood." Her main amusements include square dancing, tennis, and reading, and she dislikes sarcasm and wishes that she was better acquainted with the girls. Mrs. Harwood had taught before her marriage, and so it seemed natural to return to her profession, so she came to the training school here in Castleton. So grand are her poems that she has been invited to submit a poem to the World's Fair. To quote Mrs. Harwood when she spoke of her interesting lineage: "My grandfather, William Root, was one of the founders of Factory Point Bank at Manchester Center, Vermont. My husband was one of the founders of Dorset Hydro Electric Company. I am lineal descendant of Colonel Herrick of Herrick's Rangers and remote cousin of Admiral Dewey. My pioneer ancestor, Jonathan Eastman, was one of the earliest settlers of Rupert and two of his sons settled Bristol, Vermont."

THE BIRDSEYE SPORTS

BREVITIES

The children's corner in the library has been intelligently and enjoyably used since February 7. The schedule sets aside Tuesdays for grade 6, Wednesdays for grades 3 and 4, Thursdays for grade 5, and Fridays for grades 1 and 2. Children utilizing the library during the hour from 4:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon each day are under the guidance and supervision of the student librarians, Misses Margaret Paige and Shirley Webster.

Mary Eleanor Hunt's sister, Ann Cathryn, spent the week-end here recently, while her mother arrived later to be with her on her birthday, February 7.

Edith Senecal entertained her friend, Beatrice Pacquin of Bennington, over the week-end.

On the occasion of Phyllis Amidon's birthday, February 4, her friends rallied 'round and gave her a party which included the traditional ice-cream and birthday cake.

A new student, Faoline Colby, who joined us after Mid-Years as a special student formerly attended the New England Conservatory of Music.

Students of C. N. S. participated in the March of Dimes by contributing as many dimes as budgets allowed.

The Birdseye extends happy birthday greetings to Miss Skeelès, Miss Morrill, Miss Jackson and Mr. Fox who claim February as their birth month.

Hon. Francis L. Bailey, Commissioner of Education, Mr. Carl Batchelder, Deputy Commissioner, and Dr. Fanny Dunn, Professor of Rural Education at Columbia University, visited the Demonstration schools, February 1, in Castleton and later in the week the other rural schools in the Addison-Rutland districts. Dr. Dunn was especially interested in seeing how Vermont rural schools compared with those of her state.

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GOOD SPORTS

Did we want snow? Did we get it? I'm glad it hasn't scared everyone into staying indoors. How are all the ski enthusiasts enjoying their falls? They should be pleasant with so much snow for cushioning (and there's more of it coming down.) There are so many "up-and-coming" skiers at the school now, that we'll have to build special ski-runs and jumps in Castleton, (after we get our gymnasium-auditorium.) With the good skiing conditions on Staso Hill and with instructions from Dudy Morse a first-rate class of skiers are being turned out, too; harnesses, boots, poles and a fashion parade of snappy ski-suits.

Al Dauphin has a large enrollment of students who yearn to join the Sonja Henie class. With the help of Mary E. Hunt and Glen Maynard, these students are on the way to managing their feet when there are skates on them, and ice under them. Sympathy and cushions are the best that can be offered those who skate more easily sitting down.

Such things as tournaments are being a little held up since the Juniors are out student-teaching. There shouldn't be any trouble in continuing the ping-pong tournament, though. Students, go right on with your battles, take on the Juniors when they return! We are anxious to know who is the best "ping-pong paddler" in the school.

It is a little more difficult to continue a basketball tournament, though, when one-half of the army are "deep in a dream" of lesson plans. If the Juniors don't rush back and take on the Freshmen soon, the Frosh will beat them, too. Remember the poor Sophomores! Instructions, drills, and tests are being stressed in basketball these days and there isn't much of a chance for the first-year drill girls to lose with all that practice added on to their already good technique. Juniors, watch out! You've some hard fighting ahead of you if you want to win from the Freshmen.

There's one thing that's either a secret or an uncertainty, but I heard this and I'm going to tell it. A date has been set for the winter carnival, the twenty-fifth of February!

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LYNDON TRIUMPHS OVER C. N. S. 41-20

Visitors Unleash Powerful Attack;
Castleton Crippled By Loss
Of Prunier

Minus the service of Co-Captain Charley Prunier who was out of the game with a bad leg, Castleton Normal met its second defeat of the season, 41-20, at the hands of a very cool, smart Lyndon Normal quintet. The game which was played Saturday evening in the town hall left no doubt in anyone's mind which was the superior team for that evening at least.

Against the Upstaters, Castleton ran into the best passing attack they have met all season. Moriarty, Nichols and Grace accounted for the entire 20 points for C. N. S., while seven Lyndon men succeeded in finding the hoop. The game was fast and clean, only eleven fouls being called.

Lyndon, with Robinson and Smith leading the attack, started strong in the first quarter and piled up a 13-4 advantage. The Greenies who were finding the Lyndon zone defense hard to crack had to be satisfied with a basket and foul-conversion by Moriarty and a free-throw by Nichols.

In the second quarter Lyndon really began to put on the pressure outscoring C. N. S. 12-2. Castleton's two points came on the prettiest play of the game. The home-team's figure-eight style of attack functioned to perfection for the first and only time during the game and shook Charley Nichols loose under the basket for an easy step-shot. The half ended with Lyndon leading 25-6.

In an attempt to find a winning combination Coach Fox substituted Steele for Moriarty at center and Gibbs for Dauphin at right guard to start the second half. Lyndon, however continued to forge ahead outscoring Castleton for the third quarter, 8-4. It was in this period that Garon, Lyndon's substitute right forward, playing his first varsity game, looped in two beauties three-quarters the length of the floor.

The bright spot of the evening for C. N. S. was the fourth quarter when Lyndon was outscored 10-8. Moriarty, who came in to open the fourth canto, began to have a field day looping in five twin-counters before the timer's whistle awarded the victory to Lyndon, 41-20.

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ALUMNI

1919—Maxie Buck, who teaches in Gardner, Massachusetts was called to her home in Arlington by the sickness of her aunt.

1926—Marion Walker Johnson is ill in Hanover Hospital.

1928—Mrs. Marie L. Gosselyn, nee Marie L'Ange, has been engaged as substitute teacher to finish the year in the opportunity room of the Meldon School, Rutland.

1931—Margaret Tynan of Arlington graduates at the University of Vermont in June.

1931—Alene Hinckley is teaching the lower grade in the Dyer school, Rutland town.

1932—Mrs. John Russell of Brandon, nee Mary M. Collins announces the birth of a daughter, Mary Ellen, born February 3.

1934—Hope Adams and Gladys Hall are teaching in the Pittsford Graded School. Hope teaches grades 3 and 4. Gladys teaches grades 5 and 6.

1934—Virginia Hughes of Springfield is teaching this year in Enosburg Falls.

1935—Mrs. Matthews Daley, the former Marie Liberty is president of the Kingsley Parent-Teacher's Association of Rutland.

1935—Anna M. Pye is teaching grades 5 and 6 in the Arlington Graded School.

1936—Earl Jenks was in town February 4.

1937—Doris Williams of Springfield has announced her engagement to Ward Higgins of the same town. Mr. Higgins is employed by the Bryant Machine Shop.

1938—Miriam Kilbourn, who teaches in Bridgewater, was visited by her former schoolmates, Marian Drown and Margaret Paige, en route to their homes for the mid-term recess. She is looking forward to the time when the sun will seek her schoolhouse (about the middle of April). The deep valley where the school is located prevents the sunshine from visiting her during the winter months.

1938—Greta Larrow Woolcott is living in Albany, N. Y. at present.

forward and an exponent of the Chicago step-shot was the outstanding man on the floor. Francis Moriarty with 13 points was the game's highest scorer. Al Royce turned in his usual brilliant floor-work.

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Eastern States Conference To Meet In New York City

The annual Eastern States Conference for students and faculty of the normal schools of the states from Maine to Maryland will be held at Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City, Thursday, March 30 through Saturday, April 1.

Separate conferences will be held by student representatives from each state. One of the group will preside at a program originated by students for the profit of all.

The feature Thursday night is a dinner held for the administrative group only. Both students and faculty will meet at a banquet and dance the following evening.

Participants expect to receive much enjoyment from meeting new people, the professional give and take of the group, and the sight-seeing tours to Radio City and the Metropolitan Museum.

MRS. SARCKA TELLS OF HER EXPERIENCES IN DARKEST AFRICA

Mrs. Wayne Sarcka spoke before the students of Castleton Normal school during an afternoon assembly on March 7th. Mrs. Sarcka related some of her adventures in Africa while on a filming expedition. She told of many fascinating customs of the natives and also of the nature of wild animals in captivity. The audience was amused as she related her adventures in many of the villages and the welcome she received from the leader of each village. Her talk ended with a comparison of the freedom of Vermont with the dangers of Africa in regard to healthful living.

FRESHMEN CLASS ELECT OFFICERS

After several weeks of consideration the freshmen nominating committee consisting of John Houser, Phyllis Amidon and Ferol Keech, presented a list of candidates. The following were elected: President, Sylvia Fenn; Vice-President, Merle Bemis; Secretary, Shirley Brown; Treasurer, Barbara Clark.

SOPHS ELECT FOUR TO ALPHA LAMBDA

The Sophomore Class elected Mary Williamson, Marjorie Dix, Doris Woods, and Jeanne Corcoran to Alpha Lambda, the sophomore honor society, February 28. They were chosen on the basis of campus leadership, personality, satisfactory scholarship, general attitude, and strength of character.

In May the sophomores will elect four freshmen to the society.

KING WINTER REIGNS AT C. N. S. CARNIVAL

One of the most successful winter carnivals at Castleton Normal School was held Saturday, February 25.

The first events of the day were on Staso hill where ski races among the classes took place. The Juniors were the outstanding class in these races. Rudolph Morse gave a skiing exhibition to the enjoyment of all. Those who participated in the races were, for the Juniors, Marion Drown and Ruth Peterson; for the Sophomores, Rudolph Morse, Barbara Slack, Albert Dauphin, and Stanley Offensend; for the Freshmen, Mildred Simpson and Bessie Toth.



ELIZABETH McLAUGHLIN
CARNIVAL QUEEN

The town skating rink was the next center of attraction for the carnivalites. Jack Fenton's group from Rutland gave a splendid exhibition of figure skating.

Many of the students joined one of the three groups for a scavenger hunt which proved to be very entertaining for those participating. The group headed by Bill Jones won the prize.

The event which all were awaiting began at 7:15. This, of course, was the coronation. The queen, chosen by the men students, was Elizabeth McLaughlin.

The king, chosen by the women students was Rudolph Morse. The honor of crowning the queen was given to Kay Temple and Bill Jones was given the honor of crowning the king. The carnival ended with dancing.

Those on the committee for the Winter Carnival consisted of: Kay Temple, chairman, Bill Jones, co-chairman assisted by Al Henebry, Elizabeth Heffernan, Marion Drown, George Weaver, Helen Durant, and Olav Taffs.

ALLIED YOUTH SPEAKER DISCUSSES ALCOHOL

Mr. W. R. Breg, of Washington, representing Allied Youth spoke in the school auditorium Saturday, February 18.

Taking alcohol as his subject, he said that choices for alcohol are made by young people in a split second. This is done with little information as is shown by the results

C. N. S. ORGANIZATIONS SPONSOR TEAS

The students of C. N. S. have been graciously entertained by two teas given in the lobby of Leavenworth Hall.

The Initial tea was given by the C. N. S. players on Thursday, March 2. The pourers were Mary Dakin and Mary Wiggins. The second was given by the Student Cooperative Association on Tuesday, March 7. Mrs. Sarcka, who had previously delighted the group with tales of Africa was the guest of honor at this tea. Miss Dakin and Miss Wiggins were again the pourers.

Both of these teas were a huge social success, and it is hoped by all that these gatherings will become more prominent.

UNDERCLASSMEN ENJOY NOVEL DEMONSTRATIONS

The Freshmen classes listened Friday, February 24th to a group of the first grade music students of the town school. A girl's quartet sang "Snow Birds." Miss Markham demonstrated the teaching of a rote song by use of "See-saw," much to the enjoyment of observers and the demonstration group.

An observation in music was also made by the Sophomore class of the fourth and fifth grades.

The Sophomore Home Arts Class watched the preparation and serving of hot lunches at the two demonstration schools, Meadow Brook and Castleton Corners, February 22.

SENIORS VISIT INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

In search for early spring weather coupled with the thirst for industrial knowledge in Vermont's workshops, Mr. Keech planned Monday, February 13, as the day to give the Seniors this scientific appreciation. The trip was an all day excursion to Springfield and Bellows Falls, Vt. where the Fellows Gear Shaper Co. and the New England Power Association Hydro-Electric Plant are located respectively.

With special permission Mr. Keech was granted the privilege of a tour through the Fellows Gear Shaper Shop with the assistance of two young technical mechanics from Northeastern University. The class divided into two groups and each group with one of these young men as a guide was given an opportunity to learn of the mechanical work done there; the work was demonstrated by the workers (continued on page three)

of a recent questionnaire given to high school pupils.

The speaker quoted figures revealing that 51% of all automobile and pedestrian accidents are caused by liquor.

"Allied youth," he said, "is not a temperance organization. It helps youth to find the facts."

World Of Tomorrow Theme For Annual Birthday Party

A definite part of the tradition of the Castleton Normal School is the School Birthday party held each year on or around March 20th to commemorate the completion of the Administration building on that date in 1925. At this time all students and members of the faculty celebrate, not only, the school's birthday, but their own as well, at a banquet in Leavenworth Hall.

This year, arrangements for the Annual School Birthday Party on March 21 are in the hands of the Senate. Students with birthdays in each month are to be responsible for providing the entertainment, the theme of which is to be centered around the World's Fair with its theme of Life of the Future. It is to be expected that fertile imaginations will bring forth a number of unusual ideas—both for table decorations and entertainment.

Those on the committee for the entertainment include, Helen Knutson, Olive Rumney, Patricia Heyman, Barbara Phillips, Marion Drown, Ruth Peterson, Sylvia Fenn, Bessie Toth, Jeanne Corcoran, George Weaver, Elizabeth Heffernan, and Ferol Keech.

MANAGER STYLE OF GOVERNMENT VOTED AT TOWN MEETING

Interest in Castleton Town Meeting was fanned to a white heat by a proposal to elect a Town Manager. The new system was approved by a margin of 94 votes and it becomes the duty of the selectmen to fill the new position which carries a maximum salary of \$2,400.

Frederick Jones was elected lister, E. R. Hurlburt, Constable and Robert W. Rice, Treasurer.

G. B. Wright succeeds Leo Towers as Tax Collector.

In addition to J. J. Grady and John Fish, three new selectmen elected were John Quinn, to serve three years, Frank Graziano and Edward Ellis to serve one year each.

It was voted that the three selectmen serving for three years be paid \$25 per year each and the two extra ones \$1 per year.

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SENIORS TO VISIT HOWE SCALE CO.

Tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock the senior science class will make a tour of the Howe Scale Company in Rutland. This is the first time the class has had an opportunity to inspect a Vermont industry this year.

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AM I FREE?

Today, the citizen of America is bewildered. He hears on every hand that forces are at work in his country trying to undermine orderly government and ultimately destroy democracy; he knows that right here in the United States are organizations whose sole purpose of existence is to deprive him of his individual rights and liberties and make of him a slave of a totalitarian state.

He reads in his newspaper where the German Bund paraded in uniform on the streets of New York City and held a mass meeting. He ponders the fact that not only were they allowed to parade but that an organization known to be hostile to the American way of life was given police protection. He feels an inward glow; he is proud. America is a great place. Where else is a man free to believe as his conscience dictates? Here in America freedom of speech, assembly, the press really mean something. Yes, it is wonderful to know that you are free.

The American citizen listens to his radio and is startled to hear that the Daughters of the American Revolution have refused to allow Constitution Hall in Washington to be used for a recital by Marian Anderson, negro concert singer, because of her color. He frowns. That is bad. What can they be thinking of? Have they forgotten that the American Revolution was fought for freedom and equality? Daughters of Men of '76 should be the last to forget that the American constitution guarantees freedom and equality to all men regardless of color or creed.

With the experts—the economists, political scientists, sociologists, educators and the rest—disagreeing in their interpretation of freedom is it any wonder Mr. Average Citizen is bewildered? How is he to know what measure of freedom he possesses; how can he tell whether he, through his government, is headed for more or less liberty?

If a man, no matter what his creed or color, can stand on his own land; is able to earn for himself and his family a decent standard of living and have a voice in what that standard of living shall be; worship his God as he sees fit; be insured of justice for himself and his fellow man from a democratic government which exists by the consent of the governed so that its citizens may live together in peace, security and happiness; is able to develop his individual personality and talents through education and personal liberty that man should fall on his knees and thank his God—for he is free.

SOCIALIZED MEDICINE

The lives of one-third of the American people are being sacrificed on the altar of "laissez faire" economy. There are at least 40,000,000 people in the United States who are at the mercy of disease because they cannot pay doctors' fees. The total number of preventable deaths runs to more than 200,000 a year. This means that 600 Americans die each day from lack of adequate care. Regardless of the moral issue can any nation stand this loss of human resources? The answer is overwhelmingly, "No."

The stage is set for sweeping legislation by our National Congress which will bring medical science to every American no matter what his economic standing may be. Almost one third of our population live in families with an income of less than eight hundred dollars. Certainly this group is not prepared financially for illness or hospitalization. Another 20,000,000 individuals are in the marginal income class usually self-sustaining but in the emergency of sickness become dependent on public aid for the provision of medical care. The states expend through their health departments an average of eleven cents per capita. A health program of any reasonable degree of intensity is out of the question under such limitations. It is clear then, that if medical science is to be available to all families with modest or small incomes, at costs which they can afford, the costs must be spread out after periods of time and among groups of people.

Just how far the President of the United States intends to travel on the road to health insurance has not yet been revealed. However, the forecast is, that he is going far enough to break the wall of medical opposition to socialized medicine. The demand for action is so strong it can no longer be resisted.

SUPPORT

Which way should I go?
I walked into the night
Its coolness enveloped me
Its darkness closed around me.
My steps were uncertain
I stumbled—could Faith
Lead me to my goal?
I saw the Light
Its brilliance guided me
Gave me confidence,
Hope, strength,
To continue my search.

—H. Green

THOSE WHO LAUGH LAST

There was in the early 1860's a Paris photographer who gained a certain fame by constructing a gigantic balloon similar to a modern zeppelin. It actually left the ground with thirteen passengers aboard and created as much of a stir as the flight of Lindberg. This same photographer rented an unused photographic studio to a group of painters who had been excluded from the so-called Salon on the usual grounds "that their work was not up to the standards set by the Academy." Among those who exhibited were several who have since become world-famous: Manet, Monet, and Degas, Cezanne, Pissarro, Bracquemond and Renoir. Their pictures were done in a new style—nothing definite, just an impression.

The exhibition was greeted with roars of laughter and Parisians thought it terribly funny to look at pictures upside down and say, "Tell me, what is it?" Thus, the new "impressionistic" style had its genesis, though its creators gained the reputation of being a group of lunatics.

It was really an attempt to make a figure or object stand out from its background as if surrounded by light. They tried to create an illusion of light by breaking up the color into small dabs, putting it on in juxtaposition. Pictures done in this style must be viewed from a distance, for at close range there is the comic effect which so amused Paris in those early days. But then, no one is ever supposed to look at a painting through a magnifying glass anyway.

Real experience has been afforded us here at Castleton Normal School through which a better understanding of these artists should result. The exhibit of their reproductions shows what in words would mean little. Through this experience should develop finer, deeper appreciation of the men who say, "We think we see" and reveal to us that thought in such a way that we too may see it if we will.

RECENT ACCESSIONS
TO THE LIBRARY

Roosevelt, Eleanor	This is my story
Bolitho, Hector	King George VI
Earhart, Amelia	Last flight
Curie, Eve	Madame Curie
Berkov, Robert	Strong man of China
Adamic, Louis	My America
Meigs, Cornelia	Young Americans
Thomas, George	My mind a kingdom
Irving, Washington	Life of George Washington
Dawes, Anna	Charles Sumner
James, Marquis	Andrew Jackson
Trattner, Ernest	Architects of ideas

INTERESTING FRESHMEN

Marjorie Tyler:

From Vernon, Vermont, comes Marjorie Tyler, who has attended Pond Grammar School and Brattleboro High School before she came to Castleton. Marge was the valedictorian of her graduating class, and held the highest place as far as marks go. Her hobby is music and her pastimes include hiking, reading, and Home Arts. Miss Tyler is related by marriage to the gifted Gladys Hasty Carroll, author of "As the Earth Turns." Marjorie should go far in her chosen field; her marks were all A's and B's. Good work, Marge!

Mildred Simpson:

One of our many pianists, Mildred Simpson is from Waterbury, Vermont. Born in Royalton, she attended Royalton Academy and later moved to Waterbury where she has resided for the last seven years. Milly wrote the graduation song for her class at Waterbury High School and is now busily working on a song for our Freshman Class here at Castleton. She desires to become a music teacher and to own an orchestra of her own ("please don't smile," says Milly). Her hobbies include hiking, skating and tennis. Mildred has already begun her teaching career, for she taught for two years in the Dolly Dimple Nursery in Waterbury.

Helen Scherlin:

Also a Vernontite is Miss Helen Scherlin, who held the honor of being second to Miss Tyler in her class at Brattleboro High School. Helen is most interested in teaching, as is Virginia Moore. Miss Scherlin enjoys reading travel books and newspapers, and incidentally, here's another graduate of Brattleboro High School that has all A's and B's on her report card.

Avis LaClair:

Very active in the "Four-H Club" and having received many awards and trips is Avis LaClair, originally from Sutton, Vermont. Her ambition is to be a successful school teacher, but she enjoys dress-making and designing clothes. She likes the teachers and students here in Castleton, and also going home week-ends.

MANAGER STYLE OF GOVERNMENT VOTED AT TOWN MEETING
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Motion was carried permitting Sunday baseball, moving pictures, lectures and concerts.

The sale of hard liquor was carried by a margin of 190 votes, beer by 254.

Delinquent taxes as listed in the Town Report are \$18,484.00. The voted tax for the coming year was \$2.20 with \$1.65 for schools and \$.25 for roads additional making a total of \$4.10. From land belonging to Castleton above Crystal Beach on Lake Bomoseen it was voted to sell cottage sites which will increase the town's revenue.

It was voted to appropriate \$400 in addition to the original \$75 for the town library.

A motion was carried that ten town teachers who do not receive state aid shall be given an advance in salary of \$50 each year. The janitor of Castleton village school will also receive \$50 additional.

It is estimated that over nine hundred were present at the polls.

SENIORS VISIT INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

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themselves.

In the basement of the shop machines called cutters were being made for their own shop use. In them pieces of steel were placed and these were shaped to a minute perfection of one ten-thousandths of an inch. After cutting, each piece was examined through a magnifying glass by an expert so an accurate record could be kept for the company. Also pieces of cast iron were being cut and molded. These had oil running on the iron continuously, the same oil revolving through the machinery, to keep it from overheating and to give the smoothness required. Gear shapers, painted a gray, with the shop's name and address nicely painted on them were being boxed ready for shipment to Japan. These are sent to all parts of the world while the gears are sold to the Ford Motor Co.

On the main floor the class saw machines in use cutting gears of all shapes and sizes, classified as to use. Mechanics cutting each gear have in mind a definite mathematical dimension to distinguish the gears from others. In the stock room are all kinds produced and placed ready for orders. No gear is there without sufficient proof of its accuracy.

The checking for accuracy deserves mention. The comparator is a magnifying device which casts a magnified shadow of a gear tooth against a very accurately drawn diagram to show irregularities and imperfections. The shop owns a set of Johansen gages which are perfection themselves and with which all the shop gages are compared with an optically disc detecting differences as small as one-millionth of an inch. There were gages and other devices used continually on the master gears to check their size and keep them within three one-hundred thousandths of an inch of perfection.

Not only could one appreciate the technical knowledge gained through pleasing personalities but the happy, clean working conditions are an inspiration to any mechanically-minded person. Employed there are young men, middle-aged men and a few older ones. As a high class industrial shop it must employ only those fit to fill capacities. Previous to the depression high school boys were given an opportunity to work there in preparation for a job. Now however, college men or those of technical experience have been hired. The fine work requires a high calibre of intellectual ability, a steady working mind, skill and perfection.

Although the Fellows Gear Shaper Co. can employ six hundred men only approximately four hundred are at work now. No unions are allowed nor do wages constitute a problem. Salaries are good both as a fixed sum and for the piece work done.

The technique of this shop was worked out by Mr. Fellows an employee of the Jones and Lamson Company in 1900. Mr. Hartness, the owner of Jones and Lamson, instead of expanding his own business set Mr. Fellows up in business, which today is the Fellows Gear Shaper Company.

(The trip through the New England Power Association Plant will be described in the next issue.)

HOW CONSERVATIVE IS VERMONT YOUTH

How do we here in Vermont feel about questions of national importance in comparison with the rest of our nation? In an attempt to answer this question the Birdseye has made use of the weekly poll of a cross-section of our citizens conducted by Dr. Gallup and a poll on the same questions taken in the freshmen class of Castleton Normal. Believing that our freshmen represent a cross-section of Vermont youth—here are the results—

	Gallup		Freshmen		
	yes	no	yes	no	
1. Do you favor a third term for Roosevelt?	30%	70%	19%	79%	1%
2. Would you favor a constitutional amendment, prohibiting any president to run for a third term?	49%	51%	43%	57%	
3. Would you favor changing the term of office of the president of the U. S. to one six year term with no re-election?	26%	74%	13%	87%	
4. Fifty years from now, who do you think will be regarded as the greater President, Theodore Roosevelt or Franklin D. Roosevelt?	F. D. R.	T. R.	F. D. R.	T. R.	
5. Do you think the President of the U. S. should have more power or less power than he now has?	41%	42%	17%	54%	44%
6. Are federal expenditures for relief and recovery too great, too little, or about right?	60%	9%	31%	34%	4%
7. Should the federal government reduce expenditures now?	77%	23%	47%	41%	12%
8. Do you think the government should start spending again to help get business out of this present slow-up?	42%	58%	16%	84%	
9. Do you believe relief reductions should be made in your community?	53%	47%	40%	58%	2%
10. Should relief be returned to the state and federal government?	55%	45%	50%	47%	3%
11. Should the government do away with the W. P. A. and give only cash or direct relief?	21%	79%	9%	86%	5%
12. Do you think relief should be given as work relief or as cash relief?	90%	10%	93%	7%	
13. Do you think that people on relief in your community are getting as much as they should?	71%	29%	73%	18%	9%
14. Do you think the U. S. will have to continue relief appropriations permanently?	67%	33%	49%	45%	6%
15. Do you favor an amendment to the constitution giving Congress the power to limit, regulate, and prohibit the labor of persons under 18 years of age?	76%	24%	65%	35%	
16. Would you favor an amendment to the constitution giving Congress greater power to regulate industry and agriculture?	58%	42%	35%	63%	2%
17. Should the militia be called out whenever strike trouble threatens?	57%	43%	26%	67%	7%
18. Do you approve of citizens groups, called vigilantes which have sprung up recently in strike areas?	24%	76%	18%	81%	1%
19. Are you in favor of labor unions?	76%	24%	67%	33%	
20. Do you think the C. C. C. should be made permanent?	78%	22%	57%	41%	2%
21. Should military training be part of the duties of those who attend?	75%	25%	60%	38%	2%
22. Do you think the Wagner Labor Act should be revised, repealed or left unchanged?	43%	19%	38%	57%	12%

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VALLEY FORGE AGAIN

We awakened to a morning blustery with wind and snow. The mercury hovered close to twelve above. Should we or should we not go to Hubbardton Battlefield? Dolefully we held council of state. Thirteen hardy spirits uttered a dubious yes.

Plenty of warm clothes were donned and a great heap of food shoved into the pack baskets. A half hour later, our many ski boots were advancing doggedly along the East Hubbardton Road.

And then catastrophe struck our little group of four lagging far in the rear. Forward motion became all but impossible for one ski-booted member. The others recognizing her plight slowed down to a mere shuffle. All soon realized that something must be done if the food, far in the fore, were to be equally shared at mid-day.

Goaded by this alarming possibility, fertile minds were put to work. A large handkerchief was torn into strips and wrapped around the slippery soles. Alas, to no purpose! A few steps and they hung sadly out of use.

And then in desperation we began stopping at farmhouses to appeal for help. Soon her shoes were covered by a confusion of dangling handkerchiefs strips, yards and yards of twine, and finally two well-worn socks. The socks were donated by a woman in either the third or fourth farmhouse where we stopped.

Hopefully we started on the final stage, nor did we lose heart until that last ever-climbing steep stretch of battlefield hill.

Somehow we made it. Nor shall we soon forget how our spirits soared to find the warm shack of Moses, the friendly surveyor at our disposal. The small room had been hastily converted into a mess kitchen. The other hikers, there two hours before, had just arrived at the stage of removing all food as quickly as possible. Our weariness amazingly fell away, as we joined the fray with an equal gusto. The surveyors must have felt some alarm—and considerable amusement.

Too soon we reluctantly set out for home. That again is another story. We shall gladly give audience to all who care to hear it.

That night many windows were strangely dark at the incredible hour of half-past eight.

PANTOMIME DISCUSSED BY MRS. ARNOLD

A brief history of pantomime was presented by Mrs. Arnold to the students and faculty of Castleton Normal School, Wednesday afternoon, March 8th. Pantomime is yet in its earliest stages of development but is expected to become an entertaining, popular and cultural art.

Following her report on the history, Mrs. Arnold read two articles adapted to pantomiming of which the later was an original piece of work. Eight students pantomimed the story to the amusement of the audience. The story was based on an old Chinese custom.

The child was played by Elizabeth Toth; father and mother of the child was pantomimed by Paul Hatch and Barbara Jones; the missionary, Dorothy Tetrault; the ghost of the death dance, Bernard O'Dell; the guest, Ethel Toth, and the two servants, Mary and Charles Prunier.

THE BIRDSEYE SPORTS

ALUMNI

- 1890—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goefin of Los Angeles, Cal. spent last summer visiting in Rutland. Mrs. Goefin was formerly Winifred Kely, who taught in West Rutland and White Plains, N. Y.
- 1898—Attorney Alexander Walsh resides at 189 Circular Street, Saratoga, N. Y.
- 1898—Sarah M. Sherlock is Town Clerk at East Dorset.
- 1902—Mrs. Anna McLaughlin nee Anna C. Gillespie recently moved to Rutland where she is engaged as supervisor of the nursery schools.
- 1932—Mrs. Russell Simonds nee Hazel Hatch is substituting on Wednesdays for Miss Margaret Garneau in Fair Haven, who is completing her third year at Castleton Normal.
- 1934—Miss Dorothy Beach is taking a course in radio work at Columbia University.
- 1934—Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lyons from Gilman visited at Claude Gibbs' last week. While there they helped Mrs. Gibbs celebrate her birthday.
- 1934—Jane Stannard is completing her fourth year of study at Columbia University.
- 1937—Lawrence Ward, who has a teaching position as teacher in Montpelier spent the week-end in Castleton with his mother.
- 1938—Iona Woods of Mendon teaches at Cheney Hill School in Rutland Town.
- 1938—Gladys Dickinson of Center Rutland teaches in Rupert.
- 1938—Miss Martha Langdon spent the week-end in town.

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LYNDON N. S. HOSTS TO CASTLETON GIRLS FOR PLAY DAY

The girls of Lyndon planned a Play Day and invited the girls from Castleton Normal. Seventeen students, including two faculty members managed to crowd into three cars that the boys had not contracted for their trip to Lyndon.

The girls who went, cheerfully and expectantly, on the fourth of March were, B. Clark, M. Durkee, F. Stewart, J. Corcoran, M. Dix, H. Hart, Y. Lang, D. Woods, M. Dakin, I. Molnar, A. Mattison, N. Rowell, K. Temple, and E. Toth, accompanied by Miss Ewald and Miss Holmes.

A most cordial and friendly greeting and welcome was given us on our arrival. A get-acquainted game was the beginning of their well-planned activities. After dividing the girls in color groups instead of separate school groups everyone participated in basketball, relays, volley ball, and in making up a group song and cheer. Marion Drown and Mary Durkee showed what a good team in basketball should do. After the games were played, delicious cocoa and crackers were served to revive all the exhausted players.

Then came dinner and singing by candlelight. The familiar faces of our boys were seen all around us, too. The boys provided us with a thrilling game of basketball that evening. We are not sure yet who did what—the game was played so swiftly. With Frances Stewart as a very able cheerleader the small group of C. N. S. girls encouraged their team. After the game everyone attended the dance which the Lyndon School planned, with music furnished by a snappy swing band.

With a refreshing sleep, church and breakfast behind us, we said goodbye and were on our homeward way. A flat tire, plenty of water and a thick fog were our only handicaps. We stopped at Montpelier, as we desired to visit the capitol. Of the many interesting objects and activities here the most outstanding were the "try-outs." We all took pictures of the Governor's chair, our individual representative's chairs, and the attractive balconies. The beautiful paintings and statues were observed; the staircases were admired and the chandeliers were given their due credit. We even heard the clock with the chimes that plays "Annie Laurie" or "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home." In the recreation room a Chinese checkers game proved to us that Frankie Stewart would make a good legislator. We couldn't visit the dome as it is deemed unsafe, much to our disappointment. Finally we explorers were dragged away from it all and headed for lunch and home.

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LYNDON TRIUMPHS OVER C. N. S. 40-38

Lyndon Normal took a "sudden Death" decision in a 3 minute overtime period in a game played on the Lyndon home court, Saturday, March the 4th. The contest was bitterly fought with the score changing hands many times.

A fast first quarter ended in an 8-8 tie. Led by Moriarity and Prunier the game picked up momentum to have a four point advantage at the half for Castleton. The third quarter saw Robinson, the Lyndon center, dropping shots from all directions to bring his team into a one point lead.

With less than two minutes remaining, Castleton attempted to stall a 3 point lead, only to be interrupted by another Robinson basket.

Due to too many time-outs Castleton was charged with a technical foul, which was converted, and left the game tied up at the fifteen seconds mark. Thus the game went into the overtime period with Lyndon emerging victor.

The Castleton team showed much improvement since their former battle with the upstaters. Moriarity and Prunier made a total score of 27 points for C. N. S., while Robinson alone brought in 26 points for the Lyndonites, and Smith contributed 10 more for the latter school.

Grace, Steele and Royce helped bring the score to a close margin; the most outstanding defensive player being Royce. The team was handicapped through the loss of the co-captain, Charlie Nichols, who was suffering from a sprained ankle.

There still remains one game for the Castleton boys with Danbury on the Nutmegger's court. The boys are looking forward to this final game of the season, with a victory, they hope, added to their list.

Three carloads of girls from Castleton Normal accompanied the team and supported the boys from the sidelines. The girls filled the hall with their lusty cheers, led by cheer leader, Frances Stewart.

HOW CONSERVATIVE IS VERMONT YOUTH (continued from page three)

	yes	no	yes	no	?
23. Are you in favor of government old-age pensions for needy persons?.....	89%	11%	83%	14%	3%
24. Do you approve of the Social Security tax on wages?.....	73%	27%	66%	33%	1%
25. Would you vote for a woman for president, if she qualified in every other respect?	34%	66%	74%	26%	
26. Are the newspapers you read fair to the Roosevelt administration?.....	73%	27%	64%	19%	17%
27. Do you think a single man earning less than \$1,000 a year should be required to pay a federal income tax?.....	13%	87%	9%	91%	
28. Should State and Federal employees be exempt from income taxes?.....	13%	87%	9%	86%	5%
29. Do you consider any nation, or nations responsible for the present armament race?.....	77%	23%	48%	34%	18%

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BREVITIES

Dr. Woodruff attended the meeting of the Department of Superintendence of the N. E. A. held in Cleveland recently.

Ethel Toth was a very successful leading lady in a play given by the Castleton Corners School. The proceeds are to be used for the dental clinic.

A true indication of children's interest in the library corner is found when school vacation does not keep them away.

Georgie Looker has a new DeLuxe beach wagon. Why?

Snow sculptoring this year was unsuccessful because the snow was too hard to work. Two pieces were carved, a pudgy elephant and Snow White.

Rudolph Morse conducted many instructive ski classes for the past week.

Pop corn balls are popular with the students.

The Seniors held a food sale the proceeds of which helped to swell their treasury.

Margaret Paige and Dorothy Orr accompanied Miss Jackson to New York over the week-end recently.

Individual and group pictures to be used in the Castleton were taken by the Higgins Studio of Hanover, N. H.

We are glad to welcome back the Juniors from their first three weeks of teaching this year.

Miss Ewald and Miss Holmes attended the Annual Kake Walk held at the University of Vermont.

Rita Dwyer visited the Legislature February 21.

Have you seen the Tru-Vues that the Athletic Association are sponsoring?

The Bell Telephone Company presented some movies in Assembly February 28, depicting the disaster of the hurricane and the work carried on by their employees, in repairing the damage.

Stella Frankiewicz, Anna Riley and Mollie Mumford are new special students whom we wish to welcome to school.

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New York City Scene Of Eastern States Conference

Six Represent C. N. S.

Four students, Doris Lanthier, Mary Wiggins, Florence Chase and Mary Prunier with Miss Morrill and Miss Black as faculty advisers attended The Fourteenth Annual Spring Conference of The Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers in New York City held March 30-April 1.

The topics for the student conferences Friday morning were: Development of Student Initiative, Leadership and Responsibility, Student Participation in College Programs, Preparing For Citizenship, Educational Programs of Tomorrow, Contemporary World Affairs in Relation to Education and The Future Teachers College Curriculum. Each topic had a panel composed of students with a chairman and an able consultant who helped in clearing up any situations that arose in which the students needed more specific or direct thinking.

The discussions were fine expressions of how young people are thinking, their ability to face problems and seek solutions.

On Friday afternoon they attended an informal gathering for the discussion of art, science, athletics, literature, drama, music, student government and anything students cared to discuss with others.

The banquet was attended by 1,200 people. The principal speaker, Dr. Fred W. Ingvaldstad was slightly alarmed as to whether his speech would go unspoken due to political conditions in Europe. In his talk, "Is a European War Inevitable This Year?" Mr. Ingvaldstad presented some of the unforeseen forces that are

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SENIORS ENTERTAINED AT ARNOLD HOME

One of the pleasantest evenings of the year was spent by the seniors recently as guests of Miss Kelly and Mr. Arnold. The little house at "the Corners" was the scene of friendly hospitality. The group was entertained by command performances of such poets as Robert Frost, Vachel Lindsay, and Robert Tristram Coffin who read selections from their own works—on the radio phonograph! A program of music including parts of the Grand Canyon Suite by Ferde Grofe helped the evening pass all too quickly. Delightful refreshments were served by Mrs. Arnold.

NEPTUNE TO REIGN AT FROSH FROLIC

The annual Freshmen Frolic will be held Saturday night, April 29 in the school auditorium.

It is down to the sea again with sail boats, sea gulls, and moonlight. The hall will be decorated to give a nautical atmosphere. We promise to bring you the fresh salty air and soft shadows of sailboats as you dance to moonlight waltzes. All hands will be on deck to serve a tempting midnight snack; so bring your friend from the nearest port and plan to have a good time with us sea-faring freshmen.

Alfred Royce is chairman of the dance committee consisting of Mae Chamberlin, Edward Fish, Elizabeth Toth, and Francis Moriarty.

BIRDSEYE SPONSORS A GAME PARTY

To honor St. Patrick and help fill the Birdseye treasury the classrooms of Miss Kelly, Mr. Fox, and Mr. Arnold were the scene of a game party Friday evening, March 17th.

Bridge and Chinese Checkers held the interest of the majority, while monopoly and Pick up Sticks fascinated a few.

Miss Ewald drew names for the distribution of bridge prizes and the Chinese Checker prizes went to the winner of the most games at the individual tables. Those receiving prizes were Miss Black, Miss Markham, Miss Holmes, Miss Ewald, Helen Scherlin, Irene Molnar, Ferol Keech, Frances Stewart, Virginia Moore, Elizabeth Toth, Edith Senecal, Edwin Little and Earl Houston. A few of the prizes were: a dictionary, a copy of "Silas Marner," book ends, jewelry box, home made cookies, door-stop, wash cloth, and lip stick tissues.

COLONIAL LIFE IS VIEWED BY STUDENTS IN FILM "JAMESTOWN"

"Jamestown," a film in four reels from the "Yale Chronicles" was enjoyed by the students recently. It showed life in the colony under stern Governor Dale and the attempt to ease the trouble with the Indians by the marriage of Pocahontas and John Rolfe.

The producers at Yale University used every effort to make the costuming, the village settings and the action true to the life of that time. The film is considered one of the finest and most accurate of its kind. The state department of education has purchased the film for use in the four teacher training institutions.

VENTURES AMID THE CULINARY ARTS

The Freshman Home Arts Class has been divided into groups and for the remaining part of the year will carry on their work in the laboratory, one period a week.

Each group is divided into two sections, the experienced cooks and the amateur cooks. For the time being all the boys are in the latter group.

To date, the cooks, experienced and otherwise, have made cream of tomato soup, cream of pea soup, cocoa, macaroni and cheese, and scalloped potatoes which were served in the Dining Hall later. In this way those in the Dormitory have a chance to judge the relative merits of the class.

SPRING TEA GIVEN BY THE FRESHMEN

The faculty and students were well aware that spring was here when they attended the tea given by the Freshman Class, March 28th.

The table was very prettily decorated with daffodils and yellow candles, while the servers carried out the same color theme with their yellow and green aprons and hair ribbons. These gay colors made the theme of spring very significant. Miss Black, the faculty advisor and Sylvia Fenn, the class president poured.

Mildred Simpson, chairman of the very efficient tea committee accomplished her goal in attempting to make this tea both different and enjoyable.

STUDENTS FETE C.N.S. AT ANNUAL BANQUET

Castleton Normal School and guests were transformed to the world five thousand years from now under the supervision of Margaret Paige at the annual Birthday Banquet, March 22.

Table decorations and skits, presented by the members of the various months, suggested the ease and rapidity of those living in the future.

The feature of the evening was the parade of lighted birthday cakes, carried by the waiters through the darkened dining room.

MISS KENYON TELLS OF HER EXPERIENCES WHILE IN MEXICO

The students at Castleton Normal School were much interested in a display and lecture by Miss Harriet Kenyon on Wednesday, March 15.

She brought much understanding of the people through her knowledge

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Annual Tri-County Convention Meets Friday, April 21

Theme: Vermont Education

An "All-Vermont" conference taking as its theme "Vermonters Look at Education" will be developed by the Tri-County Teachers Convention to be held at Rutland High School Friday, April 21st.

At that time, Governor George D. Aiken will speak on "State Policies in Education." Following this, Dr. John M. Thomas, Chairman of the Administrative Committee of Norwich University at Northfield will talk on "Dewey or Discipline?"

In addition, special addresses will be given at the various group conferences. "The Function of Secondary Education in a Democracy" by Principal John Huden, Bradford, will be the subject of the secondary conferences; "Reading—the Art of Imitation" by Miss Mary B. Sullivan, U. V.M., Burlington, will feature the elementary conference while "Increasing Meaning in Arithmetic Learning" by Mrs. Margaret R. Kelly, State Helping Teacher, Derby, will be the subject of the rural group.

Other speakers include Francis L. Bailey, Commissioner of Education, newly elected Mayor Henry B. Carpenter, Rutland, and Mr. Walter Gallagher, Principal, Fair Haven High School, who is also President of the Tri-County Teachers' Association.

The other officers are: Principal Margaret S. Hoyt, Rutland, Vice-President; Helen Van Guilder, Poultney, Secretary; Principal Marcus Gorham, Brandon, Treasurer and Auditor; Superintendent Frederick W. Wallace, Poultney.

The Meldon Junior High School Orchestra will play and the Lincoln School will put on a variety show.

FRESHMEN MURALS DEPICT STRUGGLES IN AMERICAN LIFE

A proof of freshmen originality and resourcefulness are the murals which they have been working on in art class for the past month.

Many old themes and new ideas are presented in the modern manner. The conflict between agriculture and industry; between capitol and labor; the struggle of the Negro for education; the contrast between the conventional school and the one of modern, progressive education; agriculture as the basis of industry and

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REFRESHING FRANKNESS

Litvinoff's message to Germany on the conquest of Czechoslovakia struck a note of surprising frankness amid the discreet silence of other governments. While the democracies carry on secret intrigues, and haggle over mutual guarantees, Russia, the dictatorship, alone openly upholds the principles of justice which are traditionally the concern of democracy.

Had England, France, and the other countries which are now scurrying to make alliances been equally frank on the first occasions of aggression in China, in Ethiopia, and on the Rhine, and if they had at that time adopted a policy of international justice by a widespread remaking of tariffs and by revision of the terms of the Versailles treaty, they might now have no occasion for a "holy alliance" against a country which has nothing to lose and everything to gain.

SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP

Thirteen books from the reserve shelves of eight teachers, and several magazines are missing from the library. Is this alarming condition due to inexcusable carelessness on the part of the students? Surely we should all realize that a few books must be used by many people, and when one student is merrily reading a required book at his leisure, the other seventy-one are frantically searching for that book. Where is the sense of responsibility, the integrity, the consideration for others that are supposedly part of the equipment of these prospective teachers?

PLANNED ECONOMY

The public school system of the State of Pennsylvania is on the verge of collapse. The Department of Education recently announced that never since its founding over a century ago by Thaddeus Stevens, a Vermonter by birth, has free education in Pennsylvania been so near bankruptcy.

Over 6000 teachers in Schuylkill, Luzerne, Northumberland, Lackawanna, Carson, Blair, Fayette and Cambria counties have not received any pay for more than ten months.

In many of the large cities teachers have had to make a choice between a fifty per cent reduction in salary or the closing of their schools.

One-sixth of the 2,400 school districts in the state are on relief—that is, they have been operating in crippled fashion on emergency funds doled out by the state. These funds are exhausted now.

In some districts relief authorities had to supply teachers with shoes so they could report for duty.

For this situation the major blame is placed on the state government, which is charged with not having made adequate provisions for the maintenance of the school districts.

Isn't it strange that the second richest state in the union should try to balance its budget at the expense of children?

PRAYER

God of the hills,
Let this year be one of quietude
and strength,
Of clear, breeze-quicken days
and purple-mountain nights.
Let sadness be only a dead leaf
drifting
And sorrow the blinding torrent
of rain.

—L. W.

SENIORS VISIT
INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

(continued from last issue)

Following a noon day lunch in Springfield the senior class motored to Bellows Falls to learn how electricity is made at the New England Power Association Hydro-Electric Plant. Mr. Garrett, the chief engineer was most generous with his time and instruction so that much was learned outside the general processes involved.

The first experience was one new to Mr. Keech who has visited the Plant before. This was seeing a large rotor, weighing one hundred four tons, twenty-four feet in diameter being repaired. This rotor consists of a circular casting having electromagnets arranged on its periphery. These magnets project a flux which is cut by stationary wires on the outside, thereby creating an electric current in the wires. This rotor when working, is fastened to a spindle on the lower end of which is the huge iron water wheel. Altogether the rotor, spindle and water weigh two hundred twenty-five tons.

After learning how this rotor works in motion the class went down into the pit over the water wheel and saw another rotor in motion. Here also could be seen the manner in which the gates are opened and closed.

Upstairs Mr. Garrett showed the class the switch board and how electrical pressure is regulated; also the numerous transformers which steps the pressure from sixty-six hundred to one hundred ten thousand volts prior to sending it over the hills to New Hampshire. This is over one of the longest wire suspensions in this part of the country, being two thousand eighty feet from pole to pole without support.

Before leaving the class was interested in asking many questions. In answer to these it was learned that each generator is rated at eighteen thousand horsepower but can produce twenty thousand. The cost for the same is between seven and nine million dollars.

Though a powerful Plant and most essential to the commercial world, the work inside requires as few as two or three men on all the time working eight hour shifts.

INTERESTING FRESHMEN

Agnes Guillow—

Agnes Guillow, born in Unity, N. H., has lived in Newport, Claremont, Middlebury and Proctor. She attended East Unity Rural school, Middlebury Grammar School, and Proctor High School. "Iggy" won a \$300 scholarship to U. V. M. for being a member of the Vermont State Champion Debating Team of 1937. Agnes enjoys hiking, getting into mischief and her ambitions include, being a teacher, travelling, owning a farm and raising dogs.

Lois Billings—

From Rochester, Vermont, is Lois Billings who likes to knit, to read, and to hike. Lois was salutatorian of her class at Rochester High School and held second highest honors. Lois intimately confessed, after her interview, "And we have 250 new baby chicks at our house, too."

Laura Williams—

Studios Laura Williams was born in Bondville where she lived for several years before she moved to Hartford. Laura attended Bondville Grammar School and Hartford High School where she was an honor student. She won a \$5.00 prize in high school for submitting the best work in art. Her ambition is to own a garden and a cow; she likes goldfish and emphatically dislikes fluffy hair.

Frances Stewart—

Frances Stewart, born in Whitehall, N. Y. has traveled to Tennessee and is planning to go to California in August. She enjoys dancing, sports, and is looking forward to a successful career in teaching.

CASTLETON'S MANAGER
BEGINS HIS DUTIES

The Board of Selectmen of Castleton appointed Robert E. Baumberger of Cincinnati, Ohio to serve as town manager for this town for a term of one year which began April the tenth. Several candidates before Baumberger were interviewed from various parts of the continent.

R. E. Maumberger is a graduate of the University of Illinois, 1933, accredited with a Bachelor of Science Degree from that school; with a certificate of traffic engineering awarded from Harvard, a summer course in 1937; and with a M. A. Degree granted from the University of Cincinnati in 1938. While in Cincinnati he had been employed in that city's administration.

The people of Castleton are very keenly interested in this matter of change in the town's management. This was the chief topic of discussion at the annual town meeting in March. Two additional selectmen were chosen besides the customary three in order that they might select a town manager. Jeremiah Grady, John Fish, Frank Graziano, Edward Ellis, and John Quinn comprise this committee of selectmen.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES
WORTH READING

"France Is The Enemy"

This article should be especially interesting to the class in World Problems, as they were almost unanimously baffled by Mr. Arnold's question, "What is the most important book of our generation?" The book is "Mein Kampf" by Adolf Hitler. A few significant passages are given in this article from the unexpurgated translation recently published by Reynall and Hitchcock. The last paragraphs, "step by step" reveal Hitler's ruthless and deadly technique.

—The Nation, March 4, 1939.

"The Train Through the Tatra"

Speaking of Hitler's methods and their effect on the German people—here is a story of a German passenger on a train going across beautiful Czechoslovakia. The things he says and the way he acts seems incredible, but are true. This article by Erskine Caldwell is part of book soon to be published.

—The New Republic, March 8, 1939.

"I Married a Gentle"

And speaking of Jews, the headline article in the March Atlantic is written by a Jew who married a Gentle and "lived happily ever after" or at least for the first fifteen years. This anonymous author believes that the strong point in his marriage, in any marriage, is the place where husband and wife recognize each other as individuals.

"Big Broadcast of 1938"

This amusing article takes us behind the scenes with a small town woman about to make a broadcast over a national network. We sympathize with her when, fifteen minutes before she goes on the air, her script is handed to her with practically all of her ideas and expressions rewritten. When she gets home and hears what her neighbors and friends (?) say of her broadcast—!

—Scribners', March, 1939.

DANCING CLASS
INAUGURATED AT C.N.S.
BY PLAYERS' CLUB

Dancing classes are being held once a week in the Old Chapel at Castleton Normal School under the sponsorship of the C. N. S. Players.

Bernard Howley, the talented instructor is ably assisted by Mary Dakin, Marian Drown, Dorothy Tetrault and Frances Stuart.

The first class was to acquaint the enthusiastic pupils with the basic steps and each lesson is a continuation of this, building on these simple steps until the more complex become easy.

The faculty as well as the student body seem to find these social get-togethers with a common aim most enjoyable.

CONSERVATISM vs. LIBERALISM

Due to the amount of interest manifested by the student body in the comparison between the Poll of Public Opinion conducted by Dr. Gallup and a poll of the Freshman class on the same questions in the last issue of the Birdseye, we are publishing another comparison. Notice in particular questions 4 and 8. The trend is definitely toward liberalism.

	Gallup		Freshmen		?
	yes	no	yes	no	
1. Do you think all owners of pistols and revolvers should be required to register with the government?.....	84%	16%	84%	14%	2%
2. It has been suggested that all Protestant churches in the U. S. combine into one church. Do you think it would be a good thing?.....	44%	56%	36%	61%	2%
3. Should college teachers be free to express their views on all subjects, including politics and religion?.....	59%	41%	63%	34%	3%
4. Should the schools teach the facts about Socialism, Communism, and Fascism?.....	62%	38%	84%	12%	4%
5. If the question of national prohibition should come up again, would you vote to make the country dry?.....	34%	66%	54%	44%	2%
6. Do you approve of a married woman earning money in industry or business if she has a husband capable of supporting her?.....	18%	82%	34%	63%	3%
7. During the past year have you heard any broadcast which has offended you by its vulgarity?.....	15%	85%	34%	57%	9%
8. Should Congress enact a law which would make lynching a Federal crime?.....	72%	28%	90%	5%	5%
9. Do you favor mercy deaths under government supervision for helpless invalids?.....	46%	54%	41%	53%	6%
10. Would you be in favor of the whipping post as a means of punishing certain types of criminals?.....	39%	61%	5%	92%	3%
11. Should the colonies taken from Germany after the World War be given back to her?.....	24%	76%	25%	68%	7%
12. If there is another general European war, do you believe the U. S. can stay out?.....	62%	38%	38%	56%	6%
13. Do you think it was a mistake for the U. S. to enter the World War?.....	70%	30%	52%	42%	6%
14. In order to declare war, should Congress be required to obtain the approval of the people by means of a national vote?.....	73%	27%	64%	34%	2%
15. What is the ideal size of a family? Husband, wife and () children?.....	two three four other	32% 32% 22% 14%	two three four five other	16% 45% 19% 10% 10%	
16. Do you think government censorship of the radio would do us harm or good?.....	Harm Keep Out	Good Get In	Harm Keep Out	Good Get In	59% 41% 67% 33%
17. Do you think a larger navy, as now proposed by President Roosevelt, will be more likely to get us into war or keep us out of war?.....	yes no	73% 27%	yes no	50% 50%	
18. Should the U. S. build a larger navy,.....	yes no	74% 26%	yes no	59% 41%	
Increase the strength of its army,.....	yes no	69% 31%	yes no	59% 41%	
Enlarge its air force?.....	yes no	80% 20%	yes no	75% 25%	

FRESHMEN MURALS DEPICT
STRUGGLES IN AMERICAN LIFE
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regimentation of youth by industry, are some themes portrayed through the media of chalk, wax and wooden crayons, charcoal and powder paints on a background of cotton cloth, brown wrapping paper and white window shades as well as the usual beaver-board.

There is a movement afoot for an exhibition of these masterpieces of

MISS KENYON TELLS OF HER
EXPERIENCES IN MEXICO
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of Mexico and the quaint and colorful handiwork she carried with her.

Miss Kenyon has interesting first hand information on her subject having taught in a mission school in Mexico City.

She now teaches in Ira graded school.

school talent.

RECENT ACCESSIONS
TO THE LIBRARY

Books on Arts and Crafts—

Rug Making—Dorothy Drage
Method of Creative Design—A. Best-Mangard
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Garden Flowers in Color—G. A. Stevens

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Building Good Health—J. M. Andress
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SCHEDULE

Castleton

7 & 8 grades—Miss Carpentier
4 & 5 grades—Miss Webster
2 & 3 grades—Miss Wiggins
1 grade—Miss Dakin
North Breton—Miss Chase and Mr. Henebry

Hydeville

1, 2, 3 grades—Miss Tetrault
4, 5, 6 grades—Miss Townsend

Fair Haven

Main Street 1—Miss Temple
Main Street 2—Miss Prunier
Main Street 6—Miss Stepanian
South School 1 & 2—Miss Taylor
South School 5 & 6—Miss McPhetres

Poultney

Central School 6—Mr. Nichols
Central School 4—Mr. Jones
South Poultney—Miss Gaines
East Poultney 4, 5, 6—Miss Rowell
East Poultney 1, 2, 3—Miss Drown
Little Red School House—Mr. O'Dell
North Poultney—Miss Mattison

Ira

Hopefield—Miss Brough
Brookside—Misses Peterson and Wolsolmerski
Central—Misses Lyons and Lanthier

West Rutland

Village 1—Miss Dwyer
Village 4—Miss Yaroshak

Rutland

Dana 1—Miss O'Brien

Rutland (town)

Cheney Hill—Miss Molnar

West Haven

Bump—Mr. Prunier

Mendon

Sunnyside—Miss Pitts

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Forty-six Return To Tenth Annual Presidents' Day

Past and present executives of the various organizations of C. N. S. met together for their tenth annual Past Presidents' Day luncheon on May 6, in Leavenworth Hall dining room. Dr. Woodruff, Miss Skeeles, Miss Morrill, Miss Black, Miss Markham and Miss Jackson were guests, being the teachers who were also present on the scene a decade past.

The Senate arranged for wild-flowers in abundance giving the dining room a most refreshing and attractive atmosphere.

Gladys Trombly, '37, performed her duties as toast mistress with charm and ability. The program was dedicated to Miss Skeeles and as the "Parade of Progress" passed in review, highlights of the past ten years were briefly presented. All were happy to hear of the notable honor given Mrs. Erminie Hewitt Nott, who is being sent to London as a delegate (continued on page three)

FRESHMAN SONG WINNERS ANNOUNCED

On Thursday, April 27, the Freshmen class song was introduced during the chapel period.

No one knew who wrote the music or words of the song until the envelope which contained the names of the composers was opened by Dr. Woodruff. Much applause was given to Mildred Simpson, who wrote the music of the song, and to Elizabeth Toth who wrote the words. Although this was the only song presented it proved very suitable.

The remainder of the chapel period was spent by singing this song which displayed much rhythm and love for C. N. S.

FRESHMEN DANCE BY THE SEA

The evening of Saturday, April 29th proved that the Freshmen were worthy seamen. The rolling seas, gulls, and sailboats provided the tars and their mates with the proper atmosphere while the St. Michael's boys sailed along accompanying the dancers with the moderate tempo of their moonlight waltzes and romantic sea tunes.

Among the alumni who were enticed by the nautical airs were Katherine Horan, Miriam Kilbourn, Viola Fitzgerald, Roberta O'Brien, Adriel Sheldon, William Clark, George Harrington and Gerald Gibbs.

MR. KEECH ATTENDS MEETING OF SCIENCE INSTRUCTORS

Mr. Keech attended the meeting of the Science Instructors for Teachers in the Eastern States Training Schools which was held in New York City, April 28 and 29 at Columbia Teacher's College. The purpose of this convention was to discuss "Problems That Are Common to Science Teachers."

Friday morning Dr. Fenton, from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, described what the National Broadcasting Company was accomplishing in science education. The science broadcasts reach one million five hundred thousand pupils in schools through the United States.

Harry Carpenter, Supervisor of Science, Rochester, New York, spoke on the experimental program being carried on in Rochester where the radio is used to provide the science instructions. These science lessons reach over eleven thousand children in the vicinity.

The luncheon speaker, Dr. Dunham, who is program director for the Na- (continued on page three)

C. N. S. ALUMNA WILL ATTEND WORLD CONFERENCE

Erminie Hewitt Nott has received the honor of being appointed delegate to represent Windsor County at the Triennial Conference of the Association of Country Women of the World, to be held at London from May 30, to June 6. Following the conference Mrs. Nott will spend a month traveling on the continent.

While a student here Mrs. Nott was president of the junior class, and editor-in-chief of the Castleton in '26. She now lives on a farm near White River Junction, and has a small daughter.

FORTY STUDENTS ENROLLED FOR CLASS OF 1940

Forty students have already been enrolled in the Freshman Class of 1940. Four states, seven Vermont counties and twenty-seven towns are represented. The towns having the largest delegations are Rutland with 7, Brandon with 5, and Bristol with 3. The out-of-state towns from which students are coming are Franklin, Massachusetts; Manchester, New Hampshire; Albany, New York; Whitehall, New York; and North Syracuse, New York.

SENIORS AND JUNIORS TO PRESENT "OUR TOWN"

Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," the 1938 Pulitzer Prize play, is to be presented by the Senior-Junior classes during the Commencement season.

The play is unusual in that the conventional curtain, scenery, and properties are dispensed with. The stage manager explains the action and interprets the meaning to the audience. He is also one of the actors and, like the audience, is of the present day, but projects the action of the play back to 1901. "Our Town" portrays the everyday activities of human life—schooling, marrying, doctoring, living, and dying—transmuted into something of universal importance.

The three acts of the play may be titled thus: Act I—Daily Life; Act II—Marriage and Love; Act III—Death and the Eternal.

"Our Town" is of special interest to the people of this locality because of its dedication which reads "To Alexander Woolcott of Castleton Township, Rutland County, Vermont."

STUDENT COOPERATIVE ENTERTAINS WITH VARIETY SHOW

Girls of West corridor, third floor of Leavenworth Hall lent their talents for the pleasure of dormitory students at the meeting of the Student Cooperative Association in the Auditorium, Wednesday evening, May 10.

Charlotte Williams sang, Virginia Moore and Barbara Phillips played a piano duet, Betty Sedergren and Helen Scherlin frisked thru a folk dance, Marjorie Tyler gave a dramatic reading and Mildred Simpson played a piano solo.

Jean Adams, Mae Charberlin, Ann Norton and Viola Perry combined their efforts and gave a humorous skit.

To Barbara Phillips goes credit for managing the affair, and to Marjorie (continued on page four)

FORESTRY DISCUSSED BY MR. MULHOLLAND

Mr. R. M. Mulholland of the U. S. Department of Agriculture spoke to members and visitors of the Rural Club May 10. He spoke about the forestry program in general, and the fight against blister rust in particular.

Mr. Mulholland is the third speaker presented by the Rural Club this year, the other two being Supt. Taplin and Mr. Swann of Green Mountain Junior College. The club expects to have a demonstration presented by the Rutland Telephone Co. in the near future.

First Editor To Wed Columbia Instructor June 3

Dorothy Beach, C. N. S., '34, will be married June 3 to Erik Barnouw, instructor in radio writing at Columbia University. The church ceremony, which will take place in Fair Haven, will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride.



DOROTHY BEACH

Miss Beach, to whose vision and initiative was largely due the founding of the Birdseye, and who took a major part in school activities, being president of the senior class, vice-president of C. N. S. players, vice-president of the Communter's Association and playing the lead in "Alice in Wonderland," studied voice for two years with Madame Louise Homer after leaving C. N. S. Since then she has been doing radio work for the Postal Telegraph Company of New York, and studying radio writing at Columbia.

Mr. Barnouw, who was graduated from Princeton in 1929, does free lance writing for the radio in addition to his work at Columbia and has done adaptations for the Orson Welles Campbell Playhouse. In 1938 he was one of the lecturers at the University of Colorado Writers' Conference. His textbook on radio writing will come from the press in September.

PAIGE MURALS ADDED TO SCHOOL WALLS

A series of murals, whose theme is the Vermont farm boy's self reliance and his opportunity for enjoying the fundamental experience of life is in the process of creation in the Administration building, the muralist being Margaret Paige.

The murals are to represent the little farm boy in each of the four seasons. "Spring" now nearly com- (continued on page four)

ECONOMIC STATUS OF 46,000 COLLEGE ALUMNI IN THE UNITED STATES

The following significant facts were revealed in a survey by John W. Studebaker, Commissioner of Education.

Age of Graduation—The typical college graduation age for alumni reporting was 22 years.

Marital Status—College men tend to marry earlier and in larger proportions than college women. Western college graduates marry sooner and in larger proportions than college men from any other section of the United States.

Children—The largest proportion of children is found in the families of western men alumni, and the smallest proportion in the families of eastern women alumnae.

Divorce—The divorce rate among college alumni is low, compared with that of the country as a whole. The alumni in this study over the eight-year period is 19 divorces per 1000 marriages. More college women than college men are divorced.

Residence—More than half of the men and women graduates in this study live in metropolitan cities of 100,000 population or more.

Undergraduate majors—Engineering and business administration are the most popular undergraduate majors for men. Women graduates majored most largely in education and English.

Employment—Men tend to find work eventually that is in line with their specialization in college. Women find their work less in line with their major college study.

Graduate Study—One half of both men and women alumni in classes 1928 through 1935 continued later with graduate study.

Degrees—Three-quarters of the men and seven-eighths of the women hold one degree only, either the bachelor's degree or first professional degree.

Relief—Ninety-eight percent of the men alumni and ninety-nine percent of the women alumni have never been on relief.

First jobs—Personal initiative plus experience prior to graduation account for half of the placement of college graduates in first jobs.

Why chosen—Thirty-five percent of the women and twenty-seven percent of the men reported choosing their first jobs because the work was the kind they wanted. Thirty percent of the men and nineteen percent of the women were unable to find the work they wanted.

If such a summary can be made of other college alumni, why wouldn't it be of interest and value to do the same tabulation of the alumni of C. N. S.? Anyone could find from the past graduates where they are and what they are doing.

FRESHMEN OBSERVE IN FAIR HAVEN

For the past two weeks both divisions of Freshmen have been observing in various neighboring schools. Miss Black transported the entire first division to the Fair Haven grades for an afternoon observation. The next week the second division went. Much was learned in practical teaching.

Meadowbrook and Castleton Corners schools have also been visited. This is the first time that the Freshmen have been into the rural schools except for a single visit to Castleton Corners early last fall to view the equipment.

NATIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE ANNOUNCES NEW SCIENTIFIC AIDS TO LEARNING

To inspire clearer thinking on the problems of America's growth and future, an educational radio series of twenty-four transcriptions, entitled "Americans All—Immigrants All" is now ready for the use of schools and other educational centers of the nation. The recording dramatize the coming to America of the peoples of other nations,—English, French, Germans, Japanese, Chinese, Jews, Slavs, Italians, Greeks, Armenians, and many others—and their contributions to arts and crafts, science, industry and social progress, shown both in "A New England Town" and in "A Industrial City," and in the "Grand Finale."

This new gift of science to education should help to develop tolerance toward and good will among all people and new appreciation of the value of working together to preserve American democracy. Many New York City schools are planning to use this service as part of their recently authorized instruction to promote tolerance of racial and religious differences.

The introduction of these aids to true Americanism is not difficult or expensive, many of the recordings being played on an ordinary phonograph. More than forty leading radio actors, singers, and musicians cooperated with the Office of Education, Department of the Interior in creating these fine transcriptions.

CASTLETON CHOIR ENTERTAINS P.T.A. AT FAIR HAVEN

The Fair Haven Parent-Teacher Association invited the Castleton robed choir to attend their meeting of Wednesday evening, May 10th. The choir sang several selections for the program, including: Jean Sibelius' "Dear Land Of Home" from his Love Poem Finlandia; Bach's Chorale "O Grant Us to Do With Zeal;" "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," a German melody of the Seventeenth Century; and "Gute Nacht," a German Folk Song.

WORTH READING

Country Life (May, 1939)

Chamois Hunting in Summer
Joseph Lippeneatt

Here is an account of chamois hunting in the Alps where climbing is dangerous, and accuracy of aim, plus steady nerves are necessary. Chamois, the back-yard billy goats of the mountains, proves to be sporting game for the author. Authentic pictures of the author and his bagged game, add interest for the reader.

Harpers (April, 1939)

Anschluss. A Short Story

Kay Boyle

Kay Boyle writes a gripping story of a young American fashion director, a woman of culture and charm, and of an Austrian youth whom she loved in Hitlerized Austria. She watched her lover change from an individual to another one of Hitler's robots.

FRESHMEN INTERESTED IN CLASS EMBLEMS

Members of the Freshmen class nominated a committee to select class emblems at their regular class meeting held Friday, April 28. Those chosen to make recommendations for the form and design of the rings or pins are William Richards, Ruth Flanders, and Merle Bemis.

FORTY-SIX RETURN TO TENTH ANNUAL PRESIDENTS' DAY (continued from page one)

of the Associated Country Women of the World this summer. Robert Lorette, '37, gave by request the speech which he delivered at the New York convention of the N. E. A. in 1938. Dr. Woodruff's message brought events back to "Today and into Tomorrow" very appropriately when she designated herself as a "futurist" and stressed the vast possibilities of advancement yet in store for the Castleton Normal School.

Following the luncheon the members assembled on the steps of the Administration building and had their pictures taken by Rudolf Morse.

Members of the 1939 Senate are Margaret Paige, Doris Lanthier, Marjorie Park, Sylvia Fenn, Mary Wiggins, Ethel Toth, Charlotte Wysomerski, Barbara Jones, Earl Houston, Charles Nicholas, Rudolph Morse, Barbara Slack, and Mary Dakin.

The committee of arrangement was Erminie Hewitt Nott, '26, Chairman; Mildred Sabin, '34, Martha Langdon, '38, Margaret Paige, '39, Gladys Trombly, '37, Toastmistress; Helen Barrows, '38, Song Leader.

The Gift Fund Committee was Marjorie Mead Taft, '30, Marjorie McCarthy, '25, Ruth Gilbert. Rose Hillis Chase, '34 was secretary and Allan Manning, '38 was treasurer.

Those elected to the Committee of Arrangements for the coming year were Al Dauphin, chairman; Olive (continued on page four)

STATE EDUCATION BOARD MEMBERS MEET AT C. N. S.

On May 3rd, the State Board of Education met at Castleton Normal School.

The members of the board are, Chairman, Honorable John R. Fisher, of Arlington; Honorable Fred Gleason of Montpelier; Dr. Leslie Evans of Essex Junction; Mrs. Merrill Proctor of Ludlow, and Honorable Horatio Luce of South Pomfret. The other guests were Commissioner Bailey, Deputy Commissioner, Carl Batchelder; State Supervisor of Secondary Schools, Ralph Noble; the principals of the two other state normal schools, Miss Rita Bole from Lyndon and Mr. Donald McClellan from Johnson, Dr. Bennett Douglass, head of the School of Education at the University of Vermont, and Mr. Stanley Judd, head of the State School of Agriculture of Randolph Center.

Dr. Woodruff was hostess at the large table in Leavenworth Hall where all the guests adjourned for luncheon.

FRESHMAN HYGIENE CLASS WITNESS FIRST AID DEMONSTRATION

Oscar Hoar, chairman of the Rutland County Association of the American Red Cross, gave a talk and demonstration to the Freshman hygiene class of Thursday, May 4.

During the first part of his talk he gave suggestions for first aid at the scene of the accident, and illustrated this with the specific treatment to be used in case the patient has a broken back or a broken neck.

Mr. Hoar demonstrated the use of traction splinting of both the arm and the leg, which included the improvised splint, the Keller-Blake splint, and the Murray-Jones splint.

MR. KEECH ATTENDS MEETING OF SCIENCE INSTRUCTORS (continued from page one)

tional Broadcasting Company talked on "Education by Way of Radio." The afternoon session was devoted to discussing the "Judd Report," a recent investigation into teacher training in the state of New York.

The dinner meeting was held at the Men's Faculty Club and Dr. Herman Cooper, Assistant Commissioner of Education for Teacher Training in the state of New York, presented the point of view of the board of regents for the state of New York regarding the "Judd Report."

The Saturday morning topic was conservation. Roger Tory Peterson, representative of American Audubon Society, spoke on "Bird Conservation and How It Can Be Taught in the Public School." Other speakers were Gardner Bump, State Conservation Dept. and Richard Weaver of Dartmouth College who also spoke on conservation.

THE BIRDSEYE SPORTS

BREVITIES

Ginnie Moore and Pauline Hinckley are back in circulation after a prolonged period of illness, which, in the case of Miss Moore, required the presence of a trained nurse.

Lawrence Cook and fiancée, Ethel Denker of Brattleboro, were the guests of Marjorie Dix and Alice Hamilton for Sunday dinner not long ago.

Among the recent alumnae visitors at C. N. S. have been Gwen Whitney, Norma Shepard, Ethel Wheeler, Larry Jones, and Bertha Hinckley.

Peg Paige, Elizabeth McLaughlin, and Paul Hatch substituted for the demonstration school teachers while they were in Montpelier on March 17.

Paul Hatch taught a week in the demonstration school at Castleton Corners while Miss Eddy was ill.

Arline Perry of Lyndonville Normal School visited Mae Chamberlin March 30.

On Kay Temple's birthday her family drove up from Bennington to spend the afternoon with her.

Supper parties at David's Oven seem to have captured students' fancy, for already two or three have been held and more are being planned.

Shirley Webster entertained her sister Lorraine here for a few days before vacation.

Mrs. St. John and Mrs. Paige were the guests of Miss Woodruff at dinner on Sunday shortly before vacation.

Alice Carpentier has been ill at her home in Connecticut for three weeks. We surely hope she will be back with us soon.

Mr. Powers, a superintendent from Athens, Windham County, was here visiting classes on March 29.

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BETWEEN SEASONS

The basketball season being over men's athletics now turn to the spring sports of softball and tennis. Plans are now being made for the tennis schedule. The school plays two matches with Green Mountain Junior College and several practice matches with high schools of this district. The hold overs from last year's team are Gibbs, Nichols, and Morse. Last year's aggregation won eight matches while dropping one for a very successful season. The tennis talent among the Freshmen is unknown but one or two prospects should be developed from this class.

Softball at C. N. S. is played as an intramural sport, there being no organized team. In past years this sport has been a very popular activity on this campus and there is likely to be no exception this year. An intramural softball league would be a good idea, there being enough male students.

With the Lyndon Normal game C. N. S. completed its basketball schedule. This year's quintet maintained a .500 average winning three and losing three. The victims of the Green and White were Danbury, Plymouth, and the Alumni; while Gorham defeated Castleton once and Lyndon twice. This year's record is not bad considering the caliber of the teams played. The high scorers for the locals were Moriarty, Nichols, Prunier and Grace. Prospects look bright for a more successful season next year, only two men are graduating.

TWO COWS AND SIX ISMS

1. SOCIALISM—If you have two cows, you give one to your neighbor.
2. COMMUNISM—You give both cows to the government, which gives you back some milk.
3. FASCISM—You keep the cows, but give the milk to the government, which gives you back some of it.
4. NAZISM—You keep the cows, but give the milk to the government, which gives you back a little of the skimmed milk.
5. NEW DEALISM—You shoot one cow and the government pays you not to milk the other.
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WHAT OF SPORTS?

With spring at hand and the snow almost permanently disappearing we can expect a great deal going on out-of-doors now. With a little mud to add to the fun, field hockey should provide an unending form of amusement for every one. Why not have inter-class tournaments in this sport or even between divisions in the separate classes? Tournaments are always proving the enjoyment groups have playing together and the pleasures of outdoor fun.

We are all eagerly awaiting the time when the tennis courts will be ready for use. We would heartily welcome an arrangement for having several matches in this game also. Doubles and singles in tennis would need little urging to get under way. Who isn't interested in tennis, either singles or doubles? The weather is the only thing holding us back, here's to more sunshine.

Badminton and volley ball offer more variety to your sports program. It's as exciting indoors as out, though, so we can't blame the weatherman there if we don't play. I'll let you all in on something that's just fine for noon hours, that is a mixed game of volley ball. Any noon you will find the commuters enjoying this in the old chapel but it would be more refreshing and uncramped if we could be outside.

Then there's archery, too. If the water isn't too deep in the meadow out back, you William Tells can start aiming arrows at an apple on the head of one of your classmates. Be sure your aim is good before you start shooting at the apple. There will be some new equipment, too, if our bank roll holds out,—it has so far. If you're never tired hitting the mark, be sure you don't miss it this spring, it improves your aim and that will always come in handy.

Maybe some N. Y. A. student is hard up for work. There's been many a word passed around that it would be fun if we had a shuffle board. Why not try your influence if you are depending on Roosevelt for your education? We'd greatly appreciate an out-door shuffle board, then we could practice for the day when we are out on some great liner—cruising to the South Sea Islands or other points east, west or south.

By the way—when are the ping-pong paddle wielders going to wind up their tournament? We're still waiting for the final outcome. There are only about seven more weeks or thirty-five days to finish up so let's have some action.

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ALUMNI

1884—Mrs. J. H. Collins nee Genella E. Covey of Rupert died recently at Sarasota, Fla.

1890—Fanny I. Brugman lives in Pawlet.

1897—Nellie E. Young teaches at the Undercliff School in Meriden, Conn.

1901—Harry C. Beebe is a contractor at Manchester.

1909—Mrs. Edward Ellis nee Wilma Lamb and her husband have returned from vacationing in Bermuda.

1928—Mrs. Ralph Cain nee Hazel Bissette of Sherburne recently announced the birth of a daughter, Mary.

1933—Mrs. Maurice Prior nee Susan Taylor of Sherburne has recently returned from a trip to Panama.

1933—Wilma Garneau of Fair Haven recently married Charles T. Clark, Jr. of Miami, Fla. They will make their home in Kentucky.

1934—Miss Gladys M. Hall of Rutland is teaching 5th and 6th grades in Lothrop School in Pittsford.

Henry Giddings, former C. N. S. student, Y. M. C. A. worker and farmer died at his farm in Castleton, March 30th. He had taught school in Hawaii. He is survived by brothers and sisters in California and Hawaii.

A daughter was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Murphy of Center Rutland. Mrs. Murphy was formerly Mildred Dwyer.

NEW YORK CITY SCENE OF EASTERN STATES CONFERENCE (continued from page one)

keeping Europeans out of war.

The conference adjourned Saturday morning after a general assembly at which summaries were given of the student conferences and greetings were read for Dr. Suhrie who was not able to attend due to a recent illness.

The students sandwiched in such experiences as seeing a play, visiting Radio City Music Hall, a tour of the technical part of the National Broadcasting Studio, rides on the subway, elevated, Fifth Avenue Bus, ferry and a trip over the World's Fair site.

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THE ART OF RELAXATION

When term papers pile up, when the extra-curricula activity suddenly looms out of the blue in all its real intensity of meaning, and one's entire scheme of living is out of joint, it is very definitely **not** the time for friends to suggest that "you shouldn't have left it till the last minute" or "Aw, take it easy."

How can one do his best work and avoid a case of galluping meloncholia under the circumstances? True, work under pressure does get amazing results. But how many have tried the simple formula of relaxation?

We find that those practicing this art find it possible at moment's notice to relax to an astonishing degree and resume work much refreshed and enervated. However, time, patience and a fair amount of concentration are required to become at all proficient in the art.

It interested in the possibility, we suggest further investigation among recognized authorities, and there is expert advice on our library shelves. Avoid the dilemma here given:

"I swear that I'll relax today.
My nerves are simply overtaxed—
Right now I'm all worked up and tense
I'm trying so to be relaxed."

STRANGE TRENDS

Mr. Mark Jones, President of the Akron Belting Company stated, "Equality, democracy, security, collective bargaining and economic planning—are all illusions." Strange sentiments to come from a man who owes his position and wealth to our democratic way of life. Mr. Jones continued, "No fantasy of dreamers has exercised such a devastating effect as the delusion of equality. For more than 150 years it has served to delude the masses into belief in equality of individuals and races." He then demanded that teachers see to it that the youth of the future does not suffer from such "delusions." The serious part of it all is that Mr. Jones obviously believed he was revealing the truth.

This interesting point of view came out at the annual convention of the New York State Vocational Association which met three weeks ago in New York City.

Mr. Horace Liversidge, president of the Philadelphia Electric Company, another speaker, was most indignant because the virtues of business were not taught in the public schools. He insisted that every child be drilled in the belief that no national or state government has the right to limit the hours of labor. He completed his address by saying, "All we ask is that the facts be presented to our young people." What an unpleasant surprise Mr. Liversidge and his power company would have if the facts were presented.

Dr. A. S. Massell, president of the Vocational Association ended this enlightened convention on a note of praise. "Industry has been too busy to concern itself with the schools. But now we find industry distinctly willing to get together with the schools to determine what educators can do to cooperate and help train future leaders."

It is highly doubtful whether the opinions of Messrs. Jones and Liversidge represent those of the majority of our industrial leaders, however it is just such individuals as these who make social reform such a crying need in our country today. Our American civilization was built on the basis of "equality, security, democracy," and if these fundamental traits ever do become "illusions" then there will be no more America.

THE BATTLE

Helpless, struggling, he was thrust into the ring. Tensely the crowd leaned forward, every eye on the frantic victim. Desperately he darted from one side to the other, escaping by a miracle, it seemed, grasping tentacles of the monster complacently waiting for his life. The moments lengthened, the crowd scarcely breathed. Were the monsters to be cheated of their prey? But no, although he had escaped their clasp, the poison from the contact was already numbing him. His movements became slower and almost in a stupor, he stumbled into the slimy choking arms of the hydra. A deep breath, almost a groan came from the taut crowd. Then—whispering laughter, for neither monster or victim was as large as a pin head, and the life and death battle had taken place in a drop of water.

The occasion was a lecture given by Mr. Roemment at Vermont Academy, April 15th, which included use of his "microvivarius", a device for reflecting minute life, greatly magnified on the screen. Infinitesimal creatures ranging from simple one-celled organisms to the more complex such as "vinegar eels" and water fleas, whose beating hearts are plainly visible through their transparent bodies, were shown carrying on business as usual, in their little water-drop worlds.

Mr. Roemment's microvivarium was in the Hall of Science at the World's Fair in Chicago and will also be at the fair in New York.

A LA HAWAII

There were no garlands of flowers hung about the governor's neck when he spoke at the Tri-County Convention. However, this honor has been accorded him in his own Vermont, in fact, at Holden in this very county.

It was on one of those hot sultry evenings when a cool breeze is refreshing to one sitting in a sticky church pew. The flower-decked auditorium had gradually filled to overflowing and the small boys had given up their seats to make room for the older people. The band began to play "America the Beautiful" in preparation for the governor's arrival. As the piece continued, the spirit of intense anticipation grew. People continued to enter and just as the last note of the first stanza was completed, a sudden crash surprised the whole audience for a section of the floor had given away under the unaccustomed load. Fortunately there was no cellar underneath and no one was hurt.

As quickly as possible arrangements were made for an outdoor meeting complete with many of the flowers. During the prayer, one of the vases tipped over in such a way that the flowers fell around the governor's neck. When he got up to speak, he said that he could imagine that he was in one of two places—Jericho, because the walls fell down, only it

INTERESTING FRESHMEN

Ruth Flanders—

Ruth, born in Ludlow and residing there at present, is the lucky girl who goes home every weekend. She attended Black River Academy and was a member of the Calvin Coolidge Honor Society of this school. Though her chief hobby is music, she likes to knit (when time allows) and enjoys the volley ball games we play here. Ruth has had some teaching experience since she has charge of a Sunday School class in her church at Ludlow. Ruth Flanders is one of our most studious Freshmen and has made a fine record at Castleton Normal School.

Marjorie Ware—

Marjorie, though born in Halifax, Vermont, has lived for the past nineteen years at Readsboro, Vt. Attending Readsboro High School for two years, where she had the highest marks in her class, she transferred to Whitingham High. Her various hobbies are sewing, crocheting, reading, dancing, and music, and she has a long-cherished desire to travel. She, too, has had some teaching experience at summer Bible School—the primary school. Marge likes the students at C. N. S. and we all like her, too.

Arlene French—

Arlene, a native returned, was born in Castleton, Vt., though she now resides in Putney, Vt., where, she proudly informs you, the Governor also has a home. She is another Freshman who attended Brattleboro High School. Arlene likes to read, play soft-ball, attend the movies, walk and knit, though she complained she doesn't have much time to do the latter. She confessed she **dislikes** snakes, thunderstorms, and show-offs.

Charlotte Williams—

Charlotte was born in Albany City Hospital, Albany, New York. However, she has always lived in West Pawlet, Vermont. She attended Granville, New York, junior and senior High School. Her hobbies include reading, writing essays and compositions, music, hiking, basketball, and swimming. Charlotte is the youngest member of the Freshman Class. Barbara Phillips, her roommate, was born ten days before she was.

CASTLETON GOES TO PRESS

The Castleton, annual year-book of C. N. S., has gone to press—carefully assembled, packed, and wrapped. Barbara Jones, the editor-in-chief, and Miss Jackson drove in to Rutland with the dummy Tuesday night, April 25, whence it was sent to the publishing company. The year-books are expected to be ready for distribution early in June.

was the floor; or Hawaii, because of the flowers which had fallen around his neck in such a way as to form a garland.

ECONOMIC STATUS OF 46,000 COLLEGE ALUMNI IN THE UNITED STATES

The following significant facts were revealed in a survey by John W. Studebaker, Commissioner of Education.

Age of Graduation—The typical college graduation age for alumni reporting was 22 years.

Marital Status—College men tend to marry earlier and in larger proportions than college women. Western college graduates marry sooner and in larger proportions than college men from any other section of the United States.

Children—The largest proportion of children is found in the families of western men alumni, and the smallest proportion in the families of eastern women alumnae.

Divorce—The divorce rate among college alumni is low, compared with that of the country as a whole. The alumni in this study over the eight-year period is 19 divorces per 1000 marriages. More college women than college men are divorced.

Residence—More than half of the men and women graduates in this study live in metropolitan cities of 100,000 population or more.

Undergraduate majors—Engineering and business administration are the most popular undergraduate majors for men. Women graduates majored most largely in education and English.

Employment—Men tend to find work eventually that is in line with their specialization in college. Women find their work less in line with their major college study.

Graduate Study—One half of both men and women alumni in classes 1928 through 1935 continued later with graduate study.

Degrees—Three-quarters of the men and seven-eighths of the women hold one degree only, either the bachelor's degree or first professional degree.

Relief—Ninety-eight percent of the men alumni and ninety-nine percent of the women alumni have never been on relief.

First jobs—Personal initiative plus experience prior to graduation account for half of the placement of college graduates in first jobs.

Why chosen—Thirty-five percent of the women and twenty-seven percent of the men reported choosing their first jobs because the work was the kind they wanted. Thirty percent of the men and nineteen percent of the women were unable to find the work they wanted.

If such a summary can be made of other college alumni, why wouldn't it be of interest and value to do the same tabulation of the alumni of C. N. S.? Anyone could find from the past graduates where they are and what they are doing.

FRESHMEN OBSERVE IN FAIR HAVEN

For the past two weeks both divisions of Freshmen have been observing in various neighboring schools. Miss Black transported the entire first division to the Fair Haven grades for an afternoon observation. The next week the second division went. Much was learned in practical teaching.

Meadowbrook and Castleton Corners schools have also been visited. This is the first time that the Freshmen have been into the rural schools except for a single visit to Castleton Corners early last fall to view the equipment.

NATIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE ANNOUNCES NEW SCIENTIFIC AIDS TO LEARNING

To inspire clearer thinking on the problems of America's growth and future, an educational radio series of twenty-four transcriptions, entitled "Americans All—Immigrants All" is now ready for the use of schools and other educational centers of the nation. The recording dramatize the coming to America of the peoples of other nations,—English, French, Germans, Japanese, Chinese, Jews, Slavs, Italians, Greeks, Armenians, and many others—and their contributions to arts and crafts, science, industry and social progress, shown both in "A New England Town" and in "A Industrial City," and in the "Grand Finale."

This new gift of science to education should help to develop tolerance toward and good will among all people and new appreciation of the value of working together to preserve American democracy. Many New York City schools are planning to use this service as part of their recently authorized instruction to promote tolerance of racial and religious differences.

The introduction of these aids to true Americanism is not difficult or expensive, many of the recordings being played on an ordinary phonograph. More than forty leading radio actors, singers, and musicians cooperated with the Office of Education, Department of the Interior in creating these fine transcriptions.

CASTLETON CHOIR ENTERTAINS P.T.A. AT FAIR HAVEN

The Fair Haven Parent-Teacher Association invited the Castleton robed choir to attend their meeting of Wednesday evening, May 10th. The choir sang several selections for the program, including: Jean Sibelius' "Dear Land Of Home" from his Love Poem Finlandia; Bach's Chorale "O Grant Us to Do With Zeal;" "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," a German melody of the Seventeenth Century; and "Gute Nacht," a German Folk Song.

WORTH READING

Country Life (May, 1939)
Chamois Hunting in Summer
Joseph Lippeneatt

Here is an account of chamois hunting in the Alps where climbing is dangerous, and accuracy of aim, plus steady nerves are necessary. Chamois, the back-yard billy goats of the mountains, proves to be sporting game for the author. Authentic pictures of the author and his bagged game, add interest for the reader.

Harpers (April, 1939)
Anschluss, A Short Story
Kay Boyle

Kay Boyle writes a gripping story of a young American fashion director, a woman of culture and charm, and of an Austrian youth whom she loved in Hitlerized Austria. She watched her lover change from an individual to another one of Hitler's robots.

FRESHMEN INTERESTED IN CLASS EMBLEMS

Members of the Freshmen class nominated a committee to select class emblems at their regular class meeting held Friday, April 28. Those chosen to make recommendations for the form and design of the rings or pins are William Richards, Ruth Flinders, and Merle Bemis.

FORTY-SIX RETURN TO TENTH ANNUAL PRESIDENTS' DAY (continued from page one)

of the Associated Country Women of the World this summer. Robert Lorette, '37, gave by request the speech which he delivered at the New York convention of the N. E. A. in 1938. Dr. Woodruff's message brought events back to "Today and into Tomorrow" very appropriately when she designated herself as a "futurist" and stressed the vast possibilities of advancement yet in store for the Castleton Normal School.

Following the luncheon the members assembled on the steps of the Administration building and had their pictures taken by Rudolf Morse.

Members of the 1939 Senate are Margaret Paige, Doris Lanthier, Marjorie Park, Sylvia Fenn, Mary Wiggins, Ethel Toth, Charlotte Wysomerski, Barbara Jones, Earl Houston, Charles Nicholas, Rudolph Morse, Barbara Slack, and Mary Dakin.

The committee of arrangement was Erminie Hewitt Nott, '26, Chairman; Mildred Sabin, '34, Martha Langdon, '38, Margaret Paige, '39, Gladys Trombly, '37, Toastmistress; Helen Barrows, '38, Song Leader.

The Gift Fund Committee was Marjorie Mead Taft, '30, Marjorie McCarthy, '25, Ruth Gilbert. Rose Hillis Chase, '34 was secretary and Allan Manning, '38 was treasurer.

Those elected to the Committee of Arrangements for the coming year were Al Dauphin, chairman; Olive (continued on page four)

STATE EDUCATION BOARD MEMBERS MEET AT C. N. S.

On May 3rd, the State Board of Education met at Castleton Normal School.

The members of the board are, Chairman, Honorable John R. Fisher, of Arlington; Honorable Fred Gleason of Montpelier; Dr. Leslie Evans of Essex Junction; Mrs. Merrill Proctor of Ludlow, and Honorable Horatio Luce of South Pomfret. The other guests were Commissioner Bailey, Deputy Commissioner, Carl Batchelder; State Supervisor of Secondary Schools, Ralph Noble; the principals of the two other state normal schools, Miss Rita Bole from Lyndon and Mr. Donald McClellan from Johnson, Dr. Bennett Douglass, head of the School of Education at the University of Vermont, and Mr. Stanley Judd, head of the State School of Agriculture of Randolph Center.

Dr. Woodruff was hostess at the large table in Leavenworth Hall where all the guests adjourned for luncheon.

FRESHMAN HYGIENE CLASS WITNESS FIRST AID DEMONSTRATION

Oscar Hoar, chairman of the Rutland County Association of the American Red Cross, gave a talk and demonstration to the Freshman hygiene class of Thursday, May 4.

During the first part of his talk he gave suggestions for first aid at the scene of the accident, and illustrated this with the specific treatment to be used in case the patient has a broken back or a broken neck.

Mr. Hoar demonstrated the use of traction splinting of both the arm and the leg, which included the improvised splint, the Keller-Blake splint, and the Murray-Jones splint.

MR. KEECH ATTENDS MEETING OF SCIENCE INSTRUCTORS

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tional Broadcasting Company talked on "Education by Way of Radio." The afternoon session was devoted to discussing the "Judd Report," a recent investigation into teacher training in the state of New York.

The dinner meeting was held at the Men's Faculty Club and Dr. Herman Cooper, Assistant Commissioner of Education for Teacher Training in the state of New York, presented the point of view of the board of regents for the state of New York regarding the "Judd Report."

The Saturday morning topic was conservation. Roger Tory Peterson, representative of American Audubon Society, spoke on "Bird Conservation and How It Can Be Taught in the Public School." Other speakers were Gardner Bump, State Conservation Dept. and Richard Weaver of Dartmouth College who also spoke on conservation.

THE BIRDSEYE SPORTS

ALUMNI

'24—Marjorie McCarthy will return next year to Springfield 4th grade. Her hobby is gardening.

'26—Erminie Hewitt Nott was formerly president of the Hartford Woman's Club at White River Junction. Her hobby is collecting Scotty dogs.

'30—Oliver Harwood Dern will attend the summer music course at The Fletcher Farm.

Mrs. Theodore Harwood has been in Montreal where her husband is resident in medicine at the Royal Victoria Hospital. He will teach at U. V. M. Medical School.

'32—Ilene Hannon Wright lives at Bristol, and has a private kindergarten at her house.

Ruth Schofield returns to Benson Village Primary. Her hobbies are singing and coasting.

'33—Gladys Hall will spend her vacation at Cape Cod. She is a member of O. E. S. Phyllis Chapter in Rutland. As a Philatelist, she specializes in U. S. stamps.

Idella Hewitt Seale married a machinist and lives in Springfield.

'34—Rose Hillis Chase is married and lives in Glens Falls.

Mildred Sabin will go to U.V.M. summer school and the World's Fair. She will return to teach the third grade at Brandon.

'35—Helen Poljacik will take a summer course at U. V. M. and return to Dorset to teach the upper grades.

Erma Hopper will teach at Vt. Summer School of Religious Education at Poultney and will teach at Fair Haven next year.

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SPRING DOINGS

Warm weather is here to stay and the tennis season has officially opened at Castleton Normal. Both courts are now ready for use and are in excellent shape. Al Dauphin is in charge of the courts this year and promises to keep them in tip top shape if the players will cooperate with him and not play on the courts unless they are wearing tennis shoes.

The men's tennis schedule is expected to begin this week. A tentative practice match has been arranged with West Rutland High School for this week, while matches soon to follow are with the high schools of Proctor, Rutland and Fair Haven. Two matches will also be played with Green Mt. Junior College at Poultney.

The tennis team has not yet been picked, but the team will be chosen from the following: Houston, Nichols, Prunier, Gibbs, Morse, Dauphin, Maynard and Grace. Houston, Nichols, Morse and Gibbs played on last year's team. While on the subject of tennis—What has happened to the mixed doubles tournaments that used to be so popular here at school? Speaking for the male members of the student body I wish to say that we are all set for one of these tournaments. Let's get one underway.

The men's physical education classes are spending most of their time these days playing softball. Much interest has been shown in this sport and it seems to be popular with the fellows. Most of the games are no pitchers battles, the scores running into the high teens and sometimes even the twenties, but why shouldn't they with such home run sluggers as Moriarty, Steele, Nichols, Grace and Maynard playing? As much as the slugging of the teams stand out so does their poor defensive play. That nice big ball at times seems very small and equally as hard to hang on to. Mr. Fox has the unenviable position as umpire-in-chief. I say umpire-in-chief because most of the players seem to think that their advice should be taken into consideration on all the close plays and decisions.

Don't forget about the mixed doubles tournament!

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The thrill of playing your first game of tennis for the season is now at hand. One court is "tout finis" and the other one has nearly arrived at the same stage. Now for some fast doubles, singles, or what have you?

Picnics and ants are becoming more numerous, only the days for these get-togethers are diminishing. Make hay while the sun shines, for the rains come much too quick!

I have noticed that the Castleton students play expert games of barnyard golf. Those resounding "ringers" betray the fact that you have had former training in the sport. There's a real challenge in playing a game you were brought up on. Who's our champion, born or otherwise, in tossing horse-shoes?

Soft-ball and volleyball have some expert lineups in both the men and women groups. It's a pity that windows open onto the "ball-fields"—for very little attention remains focussed on the class room discussion when a home-run is in the making, someone is being tripped up, or a point is being made over the net.

Couldn't we have more tournaments in more sports? It's either curiosity or just interest, but no matter, we still are eager to see and know who can do what the best and why. Don't keep your excelling achievements in the dark and don't waste the short time that is left of this season. Spring comes but once a year, you know!

STUDENT COOPERATIVE ENTERTAINS WITH VARIETY SHOW

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Tyler for her aid with stage properties.

Mary Dakin, Alice Hamilton and Dora Hager had charge of a panel discussion by members of the council after the program. The topic on the table was stated "Importance of Group and Individual Cooperation for Successful Student Government for The Coming Year."

It has been announced that the election of officers for next year will take place the third week in May.

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BREVITIES

Al Henebry is recovering, or, as he says, "recovered," from an operation for appendicitis, and Helen Durant is at her home in Middlebury doing likewise. Let us hope that the "appendicitis bug" has no more prospective victims!

Helen Hall, formerly a commuter, is now a dormitory student, having moved in two week-ends ago.

Marjorie Park entertained Grace Moore of Rutland here for a week-end, during which time her mother, who teaches in Massachusetts, visited her also.

Mildred Gaines, of the Junior Class, was married to James Day, former manager of the Grand Union Store, on Sunday, April 30. We wish to extend our best wishes, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Day!

Ruth Waterman of Quechee was the week-end guest of Katherine Coutermarsh not long ago.

A dining-room which is the last word in class is the latest addition to the Birdseye Diner.

During the absence of Mr. Clough, Mr. Fox has been preaching at the Federated Church.

Supt. Burns of Windsor, with Ruth Dean, Gloria Calvi, and Betty Williams were visitors at C. N. S. for a day last week.

Among the students of C. N. S. who attended the annual Music Festival at Burlington are Betty Sedergren, Mildred Simpson, Elva Martineau, Alice Hamilton, and Fay Colby.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas, and son Winston, drove up from Brattleboro, Sunday, April 30, to spend the day with Charlena.

FORTY-SIX RETURN TO TENTH ANNUAL PRESIDENTS' DAY (continued from page three)

Harwood Derne, and Eleanor Gee.

The members of the Gift Fund Committee were Racheal Hinckley and Mildred Sabin. Rose Chase was re-elected secretary, Ruth Scofield was chosen as treasurer and Robert Lorette was chosen for Toastmaster.

PAIGE MURALS ADDED TO SCHOOL WALLS (continued from page one)

pleted, depicts his experience with life and growth—biology in its natural setting. "Summer" is to show him gathering the food that he has raised, and in "Fall" he enjoys the hearty, healthy recreation afforded by his environment. "Winter" shows him once more happily at work, providing shelter and fuel. Two murals are to be placed on the walls above each landing.

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"Our Town" Presented By Senior-Junior Classes At C. N. S.

When this issue comes from the press, Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" will have been presented by the Senior and Junior classes June 6. The play, dedicated to Alexander Woolcott and noted for its absence of scenery, "contains the philosophy of New England, impregnated with a homely touch which grips a sophisticated audience." It is directed by Dorothy Orr and Alice Carpentier with Miss Jackson acting as advisor in stage production. The cast consists of the following:

Stage manager	Bernard Odell
Dr. Gibbs	George Young
Joe Crowell	Park Lynch
Howie Newsome	Stanley Offensend
Mrs. Gibbs	Olive Rumney
Mrs. Webb	Frances McKenna
George Gibbs	Albert Dauphin
Rebecca Gibbs	Lillian Johnson
Wally Webb	Edward Ellis
Emily Webb	Marie McPhetres
Professor Willard	George Weaver
Mr. Webb	Paul Hatch
Woman in Balcony, Margaret O'Brien	
Man in Auditorium	John Houser
Lady in Box	Mary Prunier
Simon Stinson	James Steele
Mrs. Soames	Pauline Hinckley
Constable Warren	Edward Fish

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MODERN EDUCATION THEME OF ADDRESS BY MR. ROGERS

The President of the Society of State Directors of the American Association for Health and Physical Education, Mr. James E. Rogers, spoke to the students recently concerning the six fields of education; the academic, the scientific, the social sciences, arts and crafts, vocational training, and finally physical education and recreation. This sixth field is of increasing importance to people today because of the many hours of leisure in the lives of most workers, and also because of the startling increase of mental and nervous ill-health in this country. Teachers preparing to instruct the future citizens of 1950 and beyond, must be equipped to teach worthwhile activities both for the best use of leisure and to preserve mental poise. In order that recreation may be "re-creation" and not "wreck-reation," one needs both indoor and outdoor hobbies; activities that can be carried on alone, those for duets and those for groups,—all necessary for a balanced recreational program.

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COMMENCEMENT WEEK

GENERAL PROGRAM

(Daylight Saving Time)

Tuesday, June 6—8:15 P. M.

Annual Play Auditorium

"Our Town" by Thornton Wilder

Thursday, June 8—4:00 P. M.

Faculty Garden Party Friendship Garden

Friday, June 9—8:45 P. M.

Junior Prom Leavenworth Hall

Saturday, June 10—3:00 P. M.

Alumni Banquet Leavenworth Hall

Sunday, June 11—3:00 P. M.

Baccalaureate Service College Campus

Address by Dr. Quincy Blakeley, West Hartford, Conn.

"The Great Adventure"

Monday, June 12—10:00 A. M.

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Address by Charl Ormond Williams, Field Secretary, National Education Association, Washington, D. C.

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B. E. Degrees To Be Awarded To Nine At Commencement

Nine members of the Senior Class will receive Bachelor of Education Degrees at the Castleton Normal School Commencement Exercises to be held on the campus on the morning of June 12th. They are: Paul Hatch, Earl Houston, Gertrude McKenna, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Dorothy Orr, Margaret Paige, Stella Tosi, Ethel Toth and George Young.

Anna Vaughn, a graduate student, will receive a teaching certificate.

Members of the Junior Class to receive diplomas after 3 years of study are: Eva Barrows, Veronica Brough, Alice Carpentier, Ella Cassidy, Florence Chase, Mary Dakin, Marion Drown, Gertrude Dwyer, Stella Frankiewicz, Margaret Garneau, Alfred Henebry, Julia Higgins, Barbara Jones, William Jones, Doris Lanthier, Rhoda Lyons, Amy Mattison, Marie McPhetres, Irene Molnar, Mollie Mumford, Charles Nichols, Gladys Nourse, Florence O'Brien, Ruth Peterson, Marjorie Pitts, Charles Prunier, Mary Prunier, Norma Rowell, Martha Stepanian, Beatrice Taylor, Kathryn Temple, Dorothy Tetrault, Lillian Townsend, Shirley Webster, Mary Wiggins, Charlotte Wysolmerski, Catherine Yaroshak, Viola Burns, Elizabeth Carmody, Margaret Dwyer, and Ann Reilly.

Sophomores who will receive diplomas for two years of study are: Edith Baker, Helen Durant, Gladys Gage, Hannah Hart, Pauline Hinckley, Shirley Knapp, Marie Little, Naomi Myrick, Mary Sawyer, Edith Senecal, Doris Woods, Amelia Young, Mary Zelazny, and Rudolph Morse.

FOUR FRESHMEN ELECTED MEMBERS OF ALPHA LAMBDA

On Friday, May 27 four members of the Freshmen class were elected to Alpha Lambda. The following were chosen to this honorary society: Alfred Royce, Elva Martineau, Mildred Simpson and Sylvia Fenn.

Members are elected to this society on the basis of personality, satisfactory scholarship, strength of character, campus leadership and general attitude toward college activities.

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NOVELTY

"Novel Citizenship Class has 'Commencement'", is the caption of an article appearing in recent newsprint. The script continues in this vein: "Citizenship day, climaxing two months of instruction by Dr. R. J. Colbert of University of Wisconsin ended a novel project at Manitowish County, Wisconsin, where new voters this year are being trained in American government as a means of combatting indifference and neglect." The city manager was one of several volunteers assisting in the work and "graduating" students were given certificates.

Commendable as this worthy project is, the following question immediately comes to the front: Why should the scheme be and remain "novel"? To fit young voters for the most important job of their lives, that of true citizenship, should appeal to clear thinking people as more vital and necessary than a great deal of the superficial education that is offered in so-called progressive schools. To keep in the minds of all, the value of democracy, and means of preserving it, is a far more worthy project than preaching the doctrine of how the individual is to rise to a position of personal glory and accumulate scads of money.

Primitive tribes, after rigid training, initiated their young into the rituals of government with a special ceremony. Our gloss of civilization changes many circumstances, yet it cannot be denied that the basic, fundamental idea concerning specific training for adult participation in government is one which should by no means be put aside as out-of-date. Neither should it be regarded as new fangled. Let us rather, consider it a mark of common sense, good thinking, and an indication of healthy attitudes, in fact, a thing of prime importance in this game called life.

VACATIONS

A few more days and the present school year will be a memory. Before us lies vacation—that golden Mecca which is the reward of the student after a year of study. Like the ostrich who stuck his head in the sand and thought himself completely hidden, many students will be sticking one part of themselves into the sands of vacation opportunities without realizing that they are failing to make the most of their golden opportunities.

Vacation should be regarded as an opportunity, a chance to add richly to one's cultural background. It is not at all necessary to travel far from home to find unusual, educative experiences which others travel miles to share. Visits to local industries, libraries, playgrounds, natural phenomena, and historical scenes open to the curious mind new worlds to conquer.

The student who spends his vacation working has the double advantage of growing at the same time he is earning the proverbial penny. No position is so small or insignificant that a salary is its only reward.

If, for any reason one's vacation must be spent at home, why not start that hobby you have been putting off for lack of time? Your hobby doesn't have to be elaborate or expensive; the fact that you have a hobby is the important thing. It is very true that the people who are happy, the people to whom living is a pleasure, those to whom no task ever daunts are those who devote a share of their lives to a hobby.

However and wherever we spend our vacation, let us all agree that the summer of 1939 will be, for each and everyone of us, and educative holiday.

THANKS TO YOU

To you of the Birdseye Staff who leave us at the close of the year, we who remain extend our good wishes for a happy first year of teaching. We've enjoyed the privilege of working with you and we are grateful for the help you've given us. You leave us high standards to maintain and we pledge you our best efforts. You will still be a part of our group even though you are no longer on campus. Think of us, write to us, come to see us.

SHIRLEY FARR ESTATE
SCENE OR SENATE PICNIC

The annual Senate Picnic of C. N. S. was held Friday afternoon, May 19 at the Shirley Farr Estate in Brandon. Invited guests included Misses Kate Kelly and Emma Holmes, members of the school faculty.

Members of the Senate who attended were: Kathryn Temple, Charles Prunier, Margaret Paige, Doris Lanthier, Marjorie Park, Sylvia Fenn, Mary Wiggins, Charlotte Wysolmerski, Barbara Jones, Barbara Slack, Mary Dakin, Rudolf Morse, and Earl Houston.

Games were played and delicious refreshments were served.

HEALTH PREVENTION
DISCUSSED BY
DR. PERKINS

Dr. Emily Perkins of Rutland, presented a talk to the Freshman Hygiene Class on Friday, May 19.

During the first part of her talk she gave suggestions as to the treatment of various common accidents, which might occur at school. For each of the different types of accidents Dr. Perkins gave specific illustrations of treatment.

Following this she explained the symptoms of the common diseases and stressed the importance of isolating the child whenever possible.

There was time given for discussion during which several more important points were brought up.

MIS SKEELES RESIGNS
FROM C. N. S. FACULTY

Miss Aida P. Skeeles, for eighteen years a member of the faculty of Castleton Normal School, has tendered her resignation to take effect at the end of the present school year. When the new Castleton Normal School was re-opened in 1921, Miss Skeeles was the first regular appointee and has served continuously since. She will make her home in the future at 77 North Main Street, Rutland.

TEACHING POSITIONS
SECURED BY '39
GRADUATES

Along with the Junior Prom and Commencement the interests of the graduating classes are centered on positions for next year. Those who have not already signed contracts are either waiting for better opportunities or negotiating with one or more superintendents. It is expected, as in past years, that by Commencement every member of the graduating classes will have had an opportunity for a position.

Those definitely under contract are: George Young—Townshend; Paul Hatch—Hancock; Earl Houston—Addison; Margaret Paige—East Barnard; Florence Chase—Wethersfield; Marion Drown—Sharon; Barbara Jones—West Haven; Doris Lanthier—Rochester; Charles Prunier—Benson; Mary Prunier—Shoreham; Martha Stepanian—Rochester; Mary Wiggins—Orwell; Charlotte Wysolmerski—Shoreham; Gladys Gage—Wallingford; Mary Sawyer—Starksboro; Doris Woods—Monkton.

"OUR TOWN" PRESENTED
BY JUNIOR-SENIOR
CLASSES AT C. N. S.
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Si Crowell	Paul Brough
Baseball Player	Charles Prunier
Sam Craig	Glen Maynard
Joe Stoddard	Harold Gibbs

Assistant Stage Managers—
Frances Moriarty, Alfred Royce
People of the Town: Faoline Colby, Marjorie Dix, Katherine Coutermarsh, Jean Corcoran, Arlene French, Margaret Flower, Hilda Green, Shirley Knapp, Elizabeth Heffernan, Kathryn Temple, Charlotte Wysolmerski, Catherine Yaroshak, Marjorie Ware, Irene Molnar, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Naomi Myrick, Mary Sawyer, Marjorie Pitts, Charlena Thomas, Marion Preston, Ethel Toth, Mary Zelazny, Amelia Young, Shirley Webster.

Children from the Village: Paul Brough, Mary Cole, Edward Ellis, Lillian Johnson, Park Lynch.

Production committees include general committee made up of members of the Senior and Junior classes: Ethel Toth, Earl Houston, Dorothy Orr, Alice Carpentier, Mary Dakin, Marie McPhetres.

Production developed by the following: Dorothy Orr, Alice Carpentier, Jean Corcoran, Elizabeth Heffernan, Agnes Guillo.

Assisted by: Faoline Colby, Shirley Webster, Marie Little, Mary E. Hunt, Rudolph Morse, Ruth Seabury, Barbara Clark, Eleanor Galvin.

Music: Mildred Simpson, Sylvia Fenn.

Publicity: Dorothy Orr.

Tickets: Mary Dakin.

Ushering: Alice Carpentier.

C. N. S. SALUTES YOU, MISS SKEELES

MISS SKEELES IS INTERVIEWED BY TWO FRESHMEN

"Trust the Lord; do the best you can, and hang onto your sense of humor as you would your front teeth" is the precept that has guided Miss Skeeles throughout her years of experience, she told the two interviewers, as, seated among the plants and brasses which make her room so cheerful and attractive, she related many of her teaching adventures. Her philosophy has been well tested, for she has practiced it in many and varied situations in the schools of Rutland county. Her first teaching experience began with a class of 55 six-year olds in the Longfellow school in Rutland, where progressive methods were a decided innovation. Miss Skeeles' love of adventure led her to blaze new trails. She found that both children and parents responded to the more informal atmosphere and increased opportunity to learn by doing. A teacher of the traditional type school came to Miss Skeeles to ask "Didn't you have a dreadful time keeping the children quiet while the circus parade passed?" "Quiet!" exclaimed Miss Skeeles, "why, we all went out to see it!"

After several happy years of teaching at the Longfellow school, Miss Skeeles was transferred to the Dana school, where she had charge of practice students and did demonstration teaching in connection with the Rutland teachers training course. Her favorite way of relaxing was to go off by herself to teach the first grade.

When C. N. S. reopened in 1921, the training schools were discontinued, and Miss Skeeles was offered a post as instructor here. She found much satisfaction in teaching students to enjoy and appreciate their contacts with little children.

Although Miss Skeeles was born in Hoosick Falls, N. Y. and had lived principally in Burlington and Rutland, one branch of her family had resided in Castleton since Revolutionary days, and her mother was graduated from the seminary in 1865.

In the early years of the new C. N. S., Miss Skeeles taught "almost everything, including art." She was advisor to the commuters for many years, and was in charge of different student rooming houses before the dormitory was rebuilt after the fire. In recent years Miss Skeeles served as floor director, in which capacity she was called on, one memorable last-night-of school, at twelve o'clock to tell stories to the second-floor students, gathered on their mattresses in room 45.

Books, cats, and mountains are her hobbies, Miss Skeeles told the interviewers, who had been eyeing the two elegant pussies on the couch, and

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A FAMILIAR ROLE

... Tributes ...

Aida P. Skeeles—

Eighteen consecutive years! the longest period of service ever rendered by any teacher at the Castleton Normal School in all its history of more than seventy years.

Her influence has gone out into more than a thousand classrooms, helping to direct the lives of more than ten thousand children, future citizens of Vermont.

The Castleton Normal School is the richer for having this loyal spirit as one of the possessions which will endure.

Caroline S. Woodruff,
Prin. State Normal School.

To you, Miss Skeeles, our friend and fellow-worker, we extend a full harvest of love and good wishes, enough to follow you always. We trust that your years of splendid service will be a constant source of joy and satisfaction to you in your new leisure, which no one more richly deserves. We are happy in knowing that either an invitation or an S.O.S. will always bring you back to C.N.S. ready for anything—a social cup of coffee, the binding of a wound, the sharing of a beautiful story or giving some valuable tips on teaching. We rejoice, also, that Rutland is but a stone's throw from Castleton. And so Miss Skeeles, come much and come often!

Alice M. Morrill,
For the Faculty.

We students who have absorbed the ideals, humor, love of children and enthusiasm for doing, from your tutelage feel a sense of deep appreciation. We hope that in our endeavors and successes we can best be vital tributes to your career of service.

Margaret Paige,
For the Student Body.

There are few normal school teachers in Vermont who have had an opportunity to take part in the preparation of so large a number of teachers as you have.

Your life has been given in unselfish service to children, as well as to teachers, in order that each may render to society his very best contribution. You have not only been an excellent classroom teacher, but you have also been a loyal friend to both faculty and students.

I wish to express to you my highest regards and the best of good wishes.

Francis L. Bailey,
Commissioner of Education.

Miss Skeeles—

As you now lay down the role of teaching, we of the older school would pay our tribute to you and wish for you many years of ease from arduous preparation of daily teaching. We hope you will write your book of experience.

Leon B. Smith,
For Alumni of older School.

And now the staff welcomes this opportunity to express their love and admiration for you, Miss Skeeles. Your comfortable, cordial hospitality—with often a cup of refreshing coffee—will always be remembered as a haven for a few minutes of relaxation; while your understanding nature and sense of humor have helped us over many a rough spot.

Our sincerest wish for you is added joys and contentment in your new surroundings with a hope that you will spend many days with us during the coming year.

Leah Coates,
For the Staff.

MISS SKEELES

Bandager of cut toes of small boys,
Sympathetic listener to ailments of homesick freshmen,
Story teller in chief to sophisticated sophomores,
Interpreter of children to years of upper classmen—
Many the men and women, doctors, lawyers, housewives, teachers,
Who lovingly remember "my teacher,"
Many the men and women, many the lives
That have been changed by your presence.

—Laura Williams.

STUDENTS OF C.N.S HONOR MISS SKEELS AT BANQUET

Success in concealing the activities of a whole school in preparing a banquet in the honor of our retiring faculty member, Miss Aida P. Skeeles, was surpassed only by the success of the banquet itself, held Wednesday night in the dining-room of Leavenworth Hall. Despite the transformations performed on the dining-room, the last minute pressing of gowns and the polishing of shoes, Miss Skeeles was greatly surprised to be told she was guest of honor.

Tables decorated with bouquets of lilacs, purple and white, and with graceful tapers shedding their yellow diffused light, gave an air of thrilling summer-like beauty. Music, graciously played by a trio from the Mt. St. Joseph Music Department, left nothing lacking in the way of atmosphere. The mood was gala from the start, more spontaneous and merry here than at any other banquet held this year, a compliment to the general committee members, Gladys Gage, Doris Woods, and Charles Prunier, or perhaps to their choice of toastmistress, Margaret Paige.

After dinner speech-making was given to the Senate, each member proving himself to be a witty talker as well as a legislator and leader. Smiles and moments of laughter ensued as the different speeches were given—Marjorie Park spoke of Miss Skeeles' poetical abilities, Sylvia Fenn of her work as housemother and nurse, Charles Nichols very entertainingly retold Miss Skeeles' pet stories and Mary Dakin spoke of some of her hobbies. Barbara Slack pictured for us Miss Skeeles as a friend of all, and Earle Houston spoke of her undying devotion to Vermont history. Mary Wiggins characterized her as our counselor.

This done, Miss Skeeles was presented with a gift from the student body, a maple framed mirror. Mary Wiggins made the presentation and Miss Skeeles responded in her usual apt way. Long after the party was over officially, guests remained for a longer visit with Miss Skeeles.

THE BIRDSEYE

SPORTS

ALUMNI

- '05—William V. Sheltus is in the garage business in Woodland, Wash.
- '06—Laura M. Eastman (Mrs. Ernest Sargent) died this winter at her home in Bristol, Vermont.
- '07—Rose E. LaDus (Mrs. Murfield) lives at Shaftsbury, Vt.
- '29—Mrs. David Brooks nee Patricia McLaughlin taught a rural school in Dorset this year.
- '33—Mary Norton Lafley will return to a Monkton rural school.
- '35—Coletta Larkin will work in Maine during the summer and teach again next year in Timmouth.
- '37—Lawrence Ward will go to the World's Poultry Congress at Cleveland, Ohio. Raising poultry is his hobby and he specializes in Japanese Bantams. He writes poetry which has been published in Driftwood and in the Rutland Herald. As a philatelist he specializes in Early American stamps. He is interested in books and likes to keep up with international affairs. He plans to go to the World's Fair and will return to Union School to teach in the new \$225,000 building at Montpelier.

Robert Lorette will work in his store in Arlington this summer and spend a short vacation at the World's Fair. He will teach mathematics next year at the Meldon School. He is a member of the Rochester Grange and is now teaching in Middlebury. Marcella McGrath returns to the graded school in East Poultney next year. Her hobby is collecting quizzes.

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ALWAYS SPORTS

In reviewing the year's events in the field of athletics, the most fun and enjoyment have resulted from hikes and picnics. This certainly shows that we are thankful for what Vermont has to offer. For restfulness and relaxation nothing compared with a hike to a quiet spot on a hill-top with nary a thought or sight of school and its books.

The secret of enjoying life at school is to take a vacation from it for a few minutes every single day! Nervous breakdowns, tired worn-out feelings, and that don't-care-about anything attitude quickly vanish as you leave the cause for it behind. Studying is important, yes, but unless you're in the best condition to get anything from your studies, why hack away fruitlessly at books? "Time," you say, "is scarce." Those who have the most to do, find the most time for recreation. You waste more hours trying to study than actually studying. Why not use some of those valuable minutes to put your mind and body in condition for achieving more, better, and quicker work. It is ever so much easier to go back to studying with a clear, fresh, rested state of mind and you accomplished things with lightning speed.

Is it tennis that you have a yen for? How is your "back-hand" coming along? Does the ball land inside the white lines across the net or does it hit the target's bull's-eye out in the meadow put there, by right, for arrows to hit? Don't give up if the latter happens to you—there's loads of fun and excitement in learning, too, as well as in playing. Tennis has a challenge in it that every other sort of play has—and it is challenge that offers one of the best reasons for playing besides those other best reasons already mentioned. Never let anyone tell you that playing has no point to it. Those who tell you that are the ones who need to play the most.

Your best opportunities for learning to play are at your beck and call now. Very few of you have tennis courts, archery equipment, badminton, and enough people for a ball game in your own backyard—or even an instructor for the skills needed. (And here's a secret. You have no idea how much a Superintendent banks on his teachers for being able to play, teach, and enjoy all sorts of sports and games!) Playing is fun, not a duty. So let it be as such, unless you enter it with the proper attitude, play only becomes another must-do.

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SPORTS SUMMARY

This being the last issue of the paper it might be a good idea to sum up the men's athletics for the past year. Although there was no organized football team the men got their exercise and were able to use up their excess energy in intramural games. With the increase of male students I predict that before long Castleton Normal School will be represented by a football team that will compete with other institutions of higher learning.

Cold weather found the physical education classes shifted to the "old Town Hall" and the basketball season was underway. With the aid of several of the Freshmen members and the old veterans of the upper classes a fairly successful season was enjoyed. The locals were victorious over the normal schools of Plymouth and Danbury and our own Alumni while going down to defeat under the powerful teams of Gorham and Lyndon. In an interclass game the lowly frosh were victorious over the upper classmen in an overtime thriller.

This Spring the tennis team turned in two disappointing matches with West Rutland High School. The usual matches with Green Mt. Junior College were not played this year. The announcement in this column that two matches with them had been scheduled was erroneous; sorry for the mistake.

Softball was a very popular sport in the men's physical education classes and was entered into with much enthusiasm by all the students.

The prospects for next year look very satisfactory as only one or two of our athletes are graduating and some of the incoming frosh are reported to be good athletes.

Mr. Smith, president of the Alumni Association, and Mrs. Smith were the week-end guests of Dr. Woodruff a couple of weeks ago.

As a parting word, with vacation coming, check up on yourself. Save some time out everyday to develop your recreational pleasures. Enjoy yourselves as you play, hike, swim, ride horse-back, play golf, badminton, shuffle board, tennis, or archery, but whatever you choose to do, remember it's for fun not for fuming over. The best medicine for relaxation and amusement is a good dose of play.

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BREVITIES

Mr. Batchelder, the Deputy Commissioner of Education, spoke to the seniors, juniors, and sophomores, May 25, on various problems of beginning teachers.

Shirley McLaughlin, a C. N. S. alumna was the week-end guest of Hannah Hart about two weeks ago.

Marie McPhetres attended the Spring House-Parties at Bowdoin College, at which she was social hostess for the Zeta Psi fraternity.

Dr. Woodruff and Miss Markham were in Montpelier for a day last week.

Helen H. Flanders spoke in a recent chapel about her work in collecting Vermont folk-songs and ballads, and explained how we, when we are teaching, may come across songs which have been sung in families for a period of many years. She sang two old songs to show us the type of thing to look for.

Mrs. Mounce, former state president of the P. T. A., explained to us, also in chapel, the aims and objectives of the P. T. A., and what it is doing in bettering the welfare of children in school, home, church, and community.

Ida May Howe is ill at her home in South Royalton. We hope that by the time the paper comes out she will be back at school.

MISS SKEELES IS INTERVIEWED BY TWO FRESHMEN

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Killington, Pico and Shrewsbury that looked down on them from the walls. She looks forward to greater leisure to pursue her many interests, chief of which is story telling, which will find expression in writing for children. Collecting old lamps, brasses and maple furniture also interests her greatly, as do also stories of early New England History. Poetry is another source of pleasure, and among her favorites are Kipling's "If," his "Lost Road," and Mrs. Dorr's "Old Fashioned Garden."

"But you haven't mentioned your difficulties and disappointments" the interviewers suddenly recollected as they prepared to leave.

"Well, everyone has those, and I've always tried to say with Mrs. Wiggs, Lord save me from getting sour."

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